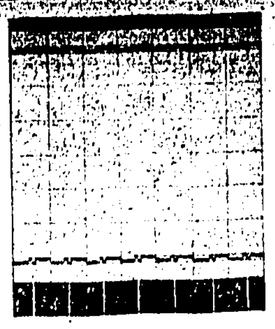

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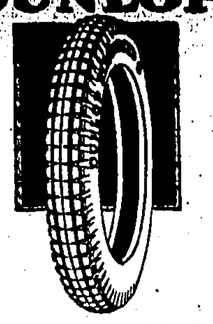

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CHINA GOLD BASIS.

NEW NOTES THE BEGINNING.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CURRENCY.

KEMMERER REPORT FOUNDATION.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

The belief that Mr. T. V. Soong's announcement regarding the issue by the Bank of China of notes expressed in terms of gold units "as a measure of convenience to importers in the payment of Customs' duties," heralds the initial step towards the adoption of a gold standard, is now general.

Financiers have read into the very significant announcement that the Government have been advised by Sir Arthur Salter to place China's currency on a gold basis as soon as possible, and that the Government have decided to carry out the recommendations of the Kemmerer Commission's Report.

Gradual Introduction.

It is believed that the issue of gold notes in Shanghai and outports next week will commence a process of a gradual introduction of a uniform gold currency system throughout the whole country.

To-day, the Central Bank of China carries an aggregate deposit account of Customs' gold units worth several millions of U.S. Gold Dollars.

According to information received by local bankers, places with Customs Houses and offices of the Central Bank of China, like Tientsin and Hankow, and numerous Yangtsze ports, where gold units are being used in payment of import duties, Customs Gold Unit Notes are being shipped from Shanghai at the present time in order to meet the demand for the new notes.

Five Denominations.

The notes are being issued in five denominations, namely:

10 cents gold.

20 cents gold.

One Customs gold unit (equal 40 cents gold) which means one dollar Customs Gold).

Five Customs Gold Units (or Five Dollars Customs Gold).

Ten Customs Gold Units (or Ten Dollars Customs Gold).

A Ten Customs Gold Unit note at the present time is worth U.S. G$4. Ten taels are worth only U.S. G$3.10.

Dr. Sun's Portrait.

On the face of the new notes is printed the portrait of Dr. Sun Yat-sen (which affords a reminder of the fact that Mr. Kemmerer suggested that the new gold unit for China should be called a "sun,") and the name of the issuing bank, the Central Bank of China.

It promises to pay the bearer on demand.

On the back is printed a picture of the Shanghai Customs House and an English translation of the contents appearing on the opposite side.

PALESTINE SCHEME DISCUSSED.

ACTION IN LONDON AND JERUSALEM.

London, Apr. 23.

The Colonial Office announces that discussions on the development scheme for Palestine started yesterday in London and at Jerusalem.

The discussions in London are being conducted with the Jewish Agency by an International Committee appointed by the Government, and those at Jerusalem by Jewish and Arab leaders appointed by the High Commissioner.—*British Wireless.*

Death Salute.

How Air Marshal Lost His Life.

STORY OF CRASH.

London, Apr. 24.

An Air Force salute which became a "salute of death" apparently lies behind the crash in which Air Vice-Marshal Felton Vesey Holt and Flight Lieutenant H. M. Moody were killed yesterday.

A squadron of eight single-seater fighters had been ordered to act as an escort to Vice-Marshal Holt's plane for a few miles, and to give the usual Air Force salute when they parted.

The squadron dipped in salute, when the Moth machine, in which Vice-Marshal Holt was a passenger and Lieut. Moody the pilot, and one of the fighters, a Siskin, lightly collided at a height of 1,500 feet.

As a result, the Moth developed a spin and crashed.

The collision occurred over Seahurst Park, Sussex, the sole occupant of the Siskin being uninjured. The Moth belonged to the 24th Squadron and the Siskin to the 43rd Squadron.

Air Vice-Marshal Vesey Holt was the Officer Commanding the Fighting Area Air Defence of Great Britain. He joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1913 and in 1928 was appointed Director of Technical Development at the Air Ministry. He received his last appointment as recently as April 1st.

Reuter and British Wireless.

WAR ON MADEIRA REBELS.

CAPTAIN CORREIRA'S ORDERS.

Lisbon, Apr. 23.

Captain Mendhes Correira, the Minister of Marine, sailed to-day with the remainder of the Portuguese Expeditionary Force to Madeira early this morning.

Captain Correira, who is in command of the naval and military forces, said he hoped to be spared the necessity of shedding the blood of his fellow countrymen, but he was a soldier accustomed to obey orders, "and I have orders to obey."

A message from Gibraltar states that the British cruiser Curlew has sailed to the west, its destination being unrevealed. It is, however, believed to be relieving H.M.S. London at Funchal.—*Reuter.*

Lisbon, Apr. 24.

Four trawlers converted into guard ships have left for Madeira to participate in the operations against the rebels.

Two destroyers and an auxiliary cruiser are leaving for Madeira at mid-day.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR LEGISLATION.

BANK TO PROVIDE GOLD FOR DEBT DUES.

Canberra, Apr. 23.

The House of Representatives, by nineteen votes to seventeen, passed the second reading of the Government's Bill to amend the Commonwealth Bank Act, requiring the Bank to hand to the Federal Treasurer the gold necessary to meet the Commonwealth's indebtedness in London.

The measure replaces the Statutory provision for a 25 per cent. gold reserve by limiting the issue of Australian notes to £60,000,000.—*Reuter.*

CITY OF CAIRO'S MAILS.

KINGSFORD-SMITH LEAVES TO PICK UP.

Port Darwin, Apr. 23.

Air Commodore Kingsford-Smith took off to-day for Koepang to pick up the air mails from the City of Cairo, which recently crashed on the last leg of her flight from England to Australia.—*Reuter.*

APPETITES WHETTED FOR BUDGET.

INCIDENT IN THE COMMONS.

"SOMETHING MAY ARISE."

London, Apr. 23.

The rising curiosity in in political circles as to the well kept secrets of the Budget Statement, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, will make on Monday, has been heightened by an incident in the House of Commons to-night.

After the Prime Minister had stated the business to come before the House next week, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Leader of the Opposition, drew attention to a departure from the usual formula: "Consideration of the Budget resolutions," and to the Prime Minister's words: "Business arising out of the Statement."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said:

"Something may arise out of the statement which will require action by the House, but I assure the House that it need not be at all alarmed about it."

Pressed further, he took refuge, humourously, in the Parliamentary tradition of "not anticipating the Budget statement."

The Budget speeches will be the first public appearance of Mr. Snowden since his recent severe illness.

In one of his last "pre-Budget" speeches he declared:

"I feel that it would be criminal on my part if I did not warn the Party. The acid test of democracy will be whether the leaders have the courage to tell their followers the truth. I have a difficult job and the full blast of the economic blizzard has come upon my head:

"If every step one makes is to be treated with suspicion or one is to be charged with perfidy one's position becomes intolerable, but I know sufficient of the Labour movement to know that when it is hard up against the facts it will not shrink from facing them."

—*British Wireless.*

BIG FIGHT IN CHICAGO.

WORLD TITLE MAY GO TO BRITAIN.

KID BERG'S BID.

Chicago, Apr. 23.

Britain's chance to regain some of her lost boxing laurels will come at 4.30 a.m. British Summer Time on Saturday (11.30 p.m. in Hongkong) when the former Whitechapel cabinet-maker's apprentice, Kid Berg—once employed at five shillings a week—fights Tony Canzoneri, the lightweight champion of the world, for the title at the Chicago Stadium.

Kid Berg, the cleverest and fiercest fighter sent out from Britain for many years, is only waiting to win the title as a justification for getting married.

The proposed bride is Eleanor Kraus, the pretty daughter of a millionaire New York silk merchant.

Berg has already beaten Tony Canzoneri—on January 17, 1931—and is now a 7/5 on favourite for the bout.

The British champion returned to England from his last American tour last year, wealthier by some £13,000. He has already earned thousands of pounds on his present tour, and he will receive £2,000 from to-morrow's fight, while Canzoneri gets £10,000, or £1,000 per round.

Both men have concluded their training. Berg is in a very "snappy" condition. "Boy, How I am going to fight," he said to-day.

Canzoneri sustained a slight cut over the right eye during his training and appears worried.—*Reuter's American Service.*

KAYE DON RETURNS TO ENGLAND.

GIVEN WARM WELCOME IN LONDON.

London, Apr. 23.

Kaye Don was given a great welcome by a large crowd on arriving in London to-day on his return from South America, where he set up a new world speed record in the motor boat "Miss England II" at Buenos Aires a few weeks ago.—*British Wireless.*

Mass Rebel Attacks on French Posts in Annam.

Hundreds of Casualties Inflicted On Revolting Natives.

Indopacifi reports a serious recrudescence of the revolutionary movement in French Indo-China, leading to considerable bloodshed, when rebels, massed in force and inadequately armed, rushed blindly on military posts maintained by the Foreign Legion in Central Annam, and were mown down by machine-guns and fire from aeroplanes.

In one single encounter, 80 rebels were killed and many more wounded. The military casualties are not stated.

A *communique* issued by the Government states that on the 12th instant, information was received that an organised attack was contemplated on four different military post in the province of Vinh. When the rebels appeared, massed in columns, converging from different directions, they found the garrisons well-prepared for the expected onslaught.

Sanguinary Battle.

The Post at Cho-on, which took the brunt of the attack of the rebel army, numbering some 1,000 men, forced the attackers to retreat after a sanguinary conflict in which many of the rebels were killed.

The garrison of Nhan-Boi was attacked by what appeared to be the right wing of the invading force, but managed to maintain its position without difficulty.

Simultaneously, the Post at Yen Linh, at the apex of a triangular sector defending the important region of Do-Luong, was assaulted by a force of 800 rebels, but to no purpose. The Legionaires held their own, despite repeated attacks, and the rebels were eventually forced to retire, leaving behind a number of dead and wounded.

2,500 Rebels Engaged.

No fewer than 2,500 rebels were concerned in the attacks. Their casualties in killed and wounded totalled more than 100, according to official reports.

The most sanguinary of the encounters between the discontented natives and the military occurred in the neighbouring province of Hatain. Here, on the same day as the other attacks, the Native Guard and tirailleurs opened fire on several thousand rebels, falling on them as they were manoeuvring into position for what was to have been a general assault on the military lines, and inflicting an appalling number of casualties.

The affray ended with the disorderly retreat of the attacking forces, who left 80 dead on the field and many hundreds wounded. Machine-guns and aeroplanes performed an effective part in the rout.

PRETENDER TO THE SPANISH THRONE.

OLD SUCCESSION ISSUE RAISED.

DON JAIME ISSUES A MANIFESTO.

ROYALIST CALL.

Paris, Apr. 23.

A Legitimist bomb has been thrown at the new Republican regime in Spain by the Spanish Pretender, Don Jaime of Bourbon, son of the famous Don Carlos, who himself led his supporters in the Carlist War of 1872-76.

Don Jaime has seized the opportunity of Alfonso's retirement into exile to publish a manifesto in Spain, calling upon all Monarchists to rally to the Legitimist cause and to unite in combatting Communism.

The Pretender declares it to be unjust that as a "result of the failure of a King who did not know how to win the love of his people," the Monarchist movement should end.

He offers to put himself at the head of all patriots. He declares he is even ready to shed his blood in the fight against Communism.

Don Jaime's claim to the Throne of Spain is derived through his grandfather, Don Carlos, who up to 1829 was recognised—as the brother of the childless King Ferdinand—as the heir to the Throne.

Daughter Made Queen.

A daughter was born to Ferdinand in the following year and the king immediately persuaded the Courts to revoke the Salic law—by which succession passes to the nearest male heir—established in Spain by the first Bourbon king, and to restore the ancient Spanish law of succession.

Just previous to Ferdinand's death in 1833, the Cortes recognised Isabella as future queen and his wife as Regent.

Cartist Wars.

Isabella came to the Throne but her reign was chaotic, and a fierce war raged in the North of Spain, led by Don Carlos, for several years. His son, Don Carlos, Count de Montemolin, revived the claim, but was defeated and signed a renunciation.

The most famous Don Carlos, the Duke of Madrid, carried on a campaign, soon after the abdication of Isabella in favour of Alphonse XII, the establishment of a Republic and the Restoration. The war lasted four years, after which Don Carlos retired to France.

Jaime's Claim.

Don Jaime's claim to the Throne, therefore, is on the ground that the right of succession was taken out of the male line wrongfully almost exactly a century ago. There is nothing to indicate how much support he is likely to rally to his cause.

Death of King's Aunt.

Meanwhile, as a direct result of the tragic events of the past few weeks, King Alfonso has been bereaved.

The King's aunt, the octogenarian Infanta Isabella, who though paralysed insisted on leaving Madrid because she refused to die in a Republican Spain, passed away to-day at a nursing home at Passy.

She only arrived in Paris on Monday night.—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WHAT IT COSTS BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

London, Apr. 23.

In the Parliamentary answer to-day, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, stated that the British Government's contributions to the League of Nations and the International Labour Office totalled £107,770 in 1920 and £115,190 last year.—*British Wireless.*

RAJPUTANA RESCUE.

BRITAIN'S LATEST TENNIS HOPE.

THE WORLD'S PING-PONG CHAMPION.

DAVIS CUP MATCH.

London, Apr. 23.

Monaco's annual flutter in the Davis Cup competition will again be short-lived judging by to-day's form of the British team, for whom F. J. Perry, the son of Mr. S. F. Perry, the Labour Member of Parliament for Kettering, has graduated as a British tennis hope.

It is interesting to note that he came into prominence as a tennis player through ping-pong, at which he is the world's champion.

Perry made his first appearance for the British Isles at Plymouth to-day, in the first singles match of the Davis Cup contest with Monaco, beating Gallepe in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

H. W. "Bunny" Austin, who appears to be at the top of his form just now, defeated Landau (Monoco) by three straight sets, in which he conceded only one game. The first two sets were love sets, and Landau snatched a game in the final set. Austin winning 6-0, 6-0, 6-1.

Landau had excuse for his poor showing, coming into the court straight from the dentists' chair for a tooth extraction.—*Reuter.*

AN ALL-EUROPEAN SCHEME.

MAY REPLACE THE PROPOSED CUSTOMS UNION.

Prague, Apr. 23.

An ambitious "All-European" scheme, whereby the proposed Austro-German Customs Union might be replaced by a vast international agreement on agricultural and industrial questions was outlined by Dr. Benes, the Czecho-Slovakian Foreign Minister, in a speech to the Foreign Committee of the Chamber of Deputies to-day.

The scheme includes concerted action by Germany, France, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and possibly Switzerland regarding the disposal of the agricultural surplus of the States of South-Eastern Europe, and a European agreement on industrial production and disposal of the agricultural surplus of the States of South-Eastern Europe, and a European agreement on industrial production and distribution.—*Reuter.*

LADY MISSIONARIES RELEASED.

NO MENTION OF MALE COMPANION.

Hankow, Apr. 24.

Miss Esther Nordlund and Miss Augusta Nelson, who were seized by bandits in Hupeh recently, together with the Rev. Oscar Anderson, have been released, according to a telegram received here. No mention is, however, made of Mr. Anderson.

The captors were demanding $120,000 as ransom, but they probably released the women as being a hindrance.

It is reported that Ho Lung, the bandit leader, is being pressed by the Government forces.

All three missionaries belong to the Swedish Covenant Missionary Society, of Kingmen, Central Hupeh. Miss Nordlund is an American citizen, and the other two are Swedish.—*Reuter.*

GUARDS FOR JAPANESE ROYALTY.

ASSASSINATION TALK IN AMERICA.

Boston, Apr. 3.

The police guard at the hotel at which Prince and Princess Takamatsu are staying was doubled last night, following a report that two men were overheard planning an assassination.

The Prince and Princess arrived in New York from England on the 10th instant, to spend a month in the United States, and extra guards were at once assigned to protect them, in consequence of rumours that Communists had planned a demonstration.—*Reuter's American Service.*

P. AND O. LINER'S GOOD WORK.

WRECK SURVIVORS PICKED UP.

MAROONED ON BLEAK ISLAND.

HWAH YANG SUNK

Wrecked on a bleak uninhabited island off the China coast near Wenchow and marooned in cold foggy weather for nearly eighteen hours, the passengers and crew of the s.s. Hwah Yang, a Chinese vessel of about 1,700 tons, were rescued by the P. and O. liner Rajputana at noon on Wednesday, and arrived in Hongkong to-day.

The Hwah Yang crashed on the rocks of the island during a dense fog at about 1.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The vessel was badly holed and began to make water rapidly, the foreign master (Capt. Sokoloff) giving orders to abandon ship. By 5 o'clock the passengers and crew were safely ashore.

There were, it is understood, 114 souls aboard, including the crew, and the whole party managed to reach the island without loss of life, just before the Hwah Yang sank stern first, leaving her bows jutting into the air above the water, held up apparently by a jagged rock.

Night Ashore.

The survivors spent the whole of the night upon the island in wretched conditions, but the following morning the air had cleared and a large red flag was hoisted for the purpose of attracting attention of passing ships.

Fortunately, however, news of the disaster had reached other ships in the vicinity, among them the P. and O. liner, Rajputana, which was bound for Hongkong. The Rajputana intercepting a wireless message, giving the position of the wreck, found that the next nearest vessel, a China Merchants' steamer, could not reach the scene until five p.m. and orders were immediately given for the liner to turn round and to make full speed for the island.

Rajputana Reaches Spot.

The Rajputana arrived at the spot at about 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, found that the Hwah Yang had foundered, and that the survivors had managed to reach the island.

According to one of the passengers of the Rajputana, who thoroughly enjoyed the experience of an interruption of the voyage for such a purpose, the liner managed to get within half a mile of the shore, the anchor being dropped, while a motor-boat was put out, towing a life-boat.

Dangerous Currents.

Another lifeboat manned by European stewards also made an attempt to reach the island, but the strength of the current threatened the safety of the craft, carrying it right out of its course, and the unassisted lifeboat was forced to return.

The motor-boat and tow reached the island, and about one o'clock it came back with 60 of the survivors and information that there were many more ashore.

Two more lifeboats were launched, and these brought away the remaining members of the wrecked party, together with a large amount of baggage which they had succeeded in salvaging from the Hwah Yang.

Women, A Baby and a Dog.

Ten women, three of them very old, were among the survivors. There was also a baby, which was hauled aboard the Rajputana in a basket, and a dog, which was taken aboard in a bucket.

The Rajputana then resumed

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY CONCERT.

SPEECH ON ENGLAND AND ITS PEOPLE.

HAPPY GATHERING.

St. George's Day, which fell yesterday, was celebrated locally through the efforts of the H.K. St. George's Society, with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph and an extremely enjoyable concert to His Majesty's Forces at Lee Theatre when the Committee and members were "at home."

During the course of the day the following message was received from London, "Parent Society sends warmest wishes for happiness and prosperity of Hongkong."

Cable messages of greetings were exchanged with Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Kobe, Singapore, Ipoh, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, New York, Vancouver, Brisbane, Mackay (Queensland) and London. In addition, messages were exchanged with Messrs. Moxon and Dowley, both of whom are Past Presidents of the Hongkong Society, who were in Vancouver on their way Home.

The Lee Theatre was well filled last night and the rounds of applause with which the various numbers were greeted and encored showed that the Society's effort was greatly appreciated. The band of H.M.S. Hermes opened the programme with a march, "Old Comrades" (Teike), and selection "The Rose," (old English melodies) (Myddleton), after which the Misses Rachael Wong, A. Steel, E. Ford and P. Gittins were seen in a charming dance number. Mrs. Bowes-Smith pleased with a song, "The Little Damozel" (Ivor Novello). Mr. W. J. Geall proved to be extremely popular with his entertainment as "The Yorkshire Philosopher," while Messrs. Winram and True provided a real musical treat on two pianos. Quartettes from "Flora's Holiday" (Lane Wilson) which were rendered by Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. Portallion, Mr. Anniss and Mr. Barton, brought the first half of the programme to a very successful conclusion.

The band of H.M.S. Hermes was again well received in the opening number of the second half, in a selection from "Pirates of Penzance" (Sullivan) this being followed by another pretty dance number gracefully executed by the Misses P. Capell, E. Ford and P. Gittins. Mrs. Portallion was warmly applauded for her rendering of the song, "My Prayer" (W. H. Squire) while selected songs by Lieut. Col. A. R. Godwin Austen, O.B.E., M.C., proved very acceptable. Messrs. Winram and True were again a big success with the pianos, while a quartette entitled "Strange Adventure" (Sullivan) from, "The Yeoman of the Guard," by Mrs. Beilby, Mrs. Portallion, Mr. Anniss and Mr. Barton concluded the main programme.

The evening ended with the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory" and the National Anthem, these being accompanied by the "Hermes" band.

Accompanists were Mrs. Shaw, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mr. G. W. E. True. The services of the "Hermes" band were obtained by permission of Capt. E. J. G. Mackinnon, D.S.O., and officers. Two grand pianos were loaned by Messrs. Tsang Fook and Company and Mr. True, while the scenery was lent by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Society.

President's Address.

Addressing the audience during the interval, Mr. E. Cock, President of the Hongkong St. George's Society, said:

The first privilege which falls to the President of St. George's Society during his year of office is that of welcoming the men of His Majesty's Forces here tonight.

This concert is only made possible by the combined efforts of the Concert Sub-Committee, particularly Major Dowbiggin and Mr. Labrum, together with the artistes who have so kindly come forward to amuse and entertain us. To Mr. Richard Lee and the Directors of the Lee Hysan Estate Company we are deeply grateful for the loan of this fine theatre. We also thank the British American Tobacco Company and Messrs. John D. Hutchison and Co., for their gifts of cigarettes and the ladies who have distributed them.

In England now the sun begins to show his face, the daffodils carpet the river valleys, the primroses and violets sit demurely in the hedgerows, the young green appears on tree and field and nature and hope stir again. The glory of the countryside makes its deep appeal to each one of us and the glory of our countryside is unsurpassed.

I do not suppose it is a new thought to you, but I always fancy that the climate of a country reflects itself in the characteristics of its inhabitants. With our variable climate, how then shall we describe ourselves? We are mixed. We blow neither hot nor cold, we are not too lazy, fond of sport, more warm than enthusiastic—in short we are temperate.

Chaucer, in 1370, laid the foundations of our style of words. Caxton printed it 500 years ago. Shakespeare, 150 years later, glorified it, and you and I and half the population of the globe use it in our daily intercourse.

We have our high points, our great men and women, and if I were to catalogue them to you we would need to celebrate St. George's Day for a fortnight, and you would not want to hear anything more about the English for the rest of your lives.

A Sea Heritage.

Up to the time of the Spanish Armada England concerned itself chiefly with the continent of Europe, of which it was, as geographically it is, an appendage. But the defeat of the Armada put us on the open sea and we have a long line of sailors who, when they were not buccaneering and privateering, pushed their way in all directions over the face of the waters.

We are not only sailors. The eternal snows of Everest as well as the ice of the Poles guard the bones of the English. The tropics and the temperate regions know us. The sailors were the pioneers. They were generally accompanied by soldiers who did the fighting in ships as well as on shore in the old days, and it was only after they had done their stuff that the business men, Governments, policemen, and men of arts came along. That is the way our Empire was built, and that also is the way our small Colony grew up. Those who make a pilgrimage to that small cemetery on Stanley Peninsula will understand better than I can hope to tell them.

This is England's day.

That is sufficient for us to celebrate it. It is the day on which Shakespeare was born and on which he died. That alone would make it famous, but there is another reason it is never to be forgotten. On 23rd April, 1918, the combined forces of the Navy and Royal Marines, with the old old battle cry of "St. George for England," attacked and blocked the submarine rat hole of Zeebrugge.

We have our Yorkshire tykes, Shropshire lads, Hampshire hogs, Men of Kent, Devonshire Dumplings and our Cousin Jackys, from my own county. We started being mixed in Cornwall when the Phoenicians came for tin. We continued by marrying the crews of the Armada or of any other ships which missed the hole at the entrance of the English Channel. We were smugglers and wreckers and yet—we may have a message for England.

Cornwall is shaped like a shoe. It points in the way that civilisation and power have marched around the world. Perhaps, who knows, it may yet lead England with her best foot foremost, and perhaps the Cornish motto may yet guide our noble land through her present tribulations, for the Cornish motto is "One And All."

Shanghai Celebration.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

The official observance of St. George's Day started on the Race Course at 8.15 a.m. with the impressive ceremony of trooping the colours, which was effectively performed by the 2nd Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. The morning dawned bright, and there was a considerable attendance of spectators.

Bearing the fiery red cross of St. George, and wearing Volunteer officer's uniform, Dr. Gauntlett, the President of the Society, emerged at 9.30 from the Shanghai Club, other members of the Society following, and proceeded between the police lines to the Cenotaph, where the cross was deposited at the base.

The words of Dean Trivett, the Almoner of the Society, added solemnity to the occasion.

There was a distinguished gathering at noon at the Cathedral, which was filled with Englishmen. A short service was held by Dean Trivett.

In connexion with the celebration a performance will be held at the Lyceum Theatre and it is expected that there will be a packed house to-night.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

GOLD MOVEMENT.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS MADE BY FRANCE TO U.S.

New York, Apr. 23.

The first movement of gold from France to the United States for four years was made yesterday with the shipment of G$3,500,000 in the liner Paris.

It is simultaneously announced that two further shipments totalling G$13,000,000 have been arranged. The shipments are a result of the recent decrease in transport costs between Havre and New York.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Exchange Speculation.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—There is a struggle going on in this Colony at the present moment between legitimate business men and speculators. It is a struggle of life and death, of right and wrong, of business and gambling. On the outcome of this struggle hangs the future welfare of the whole Colony, and it is superfluous to emphasize that no community can exist on gambling basis—particularly a community such as Hongkong.

With the exception of gamblers in exchange—even they have amongst them some sufferers who do not deserve our pity—people in every walk of life and in business of every kind have suffered terribly because of unstabled dollars, and yet the speculators for their own selfish end, persist in arguing for silver standard and ignoring purposely the advantage in stabilization. Their most important and, simultaneously, most foolish argument is that Hongkong must follow China. This foolish argument was put forward in approximately the same way by speculators in the bygone days when Phillipine Islands, the Straits Settlements, Malaya, etc., tried to stabilise their currencies; only they put as a substitute the words "Far East" for the word "China". I need not inform my readers how these various places have been getting along since uncertainty was removed from their currencies. The pity in Hongkong is that the speculators in its midst are mostly influential people of the community. Therefore, their words have more weight. But since the Currency Mission is for impartial investigation, I hope nothing but the prosperity and welfare of the community will be taken into consideration. Right, after all, is right, and must eventually win a hearing.

Besides, we have tried silver standard long enough and the result is what it is to-day. It does not pay to stick blindly to it and it is only fair to give gold standard a chance. To say that gold standard will ruin the trade of Hongkong without even giving it a trial is too cowardly to require any comment. We know one thing, however, which gold standard will ruin, and that is, it will ruin the game of exchange speculation.

A certain man who has made much gain from exchange is now giving all the publicity he can to fight against stabilization. Let us remember that the oldest monarchy in the world has to bow to the will of the majority and that its fall has been caused by pens, therefore, let us fight this propagandist and his gang with our mightiest instrument—our pens! Let us do not remain passive! Do not let them crucify us on a cross of silver!

L. S. C.

ARE YOU BEING POISONED?

By re-absorption That is, re-absorbing into the blood, impurities which ought to be eliminated through the intestines.

Constipated people are constantly in a state of self-poisoning, because in the unhealthy, congested food-tract, the accumulation of waste-matter is contaminating the blood-stream.

These conditions are favourable for disease germs to obtain ascendency.

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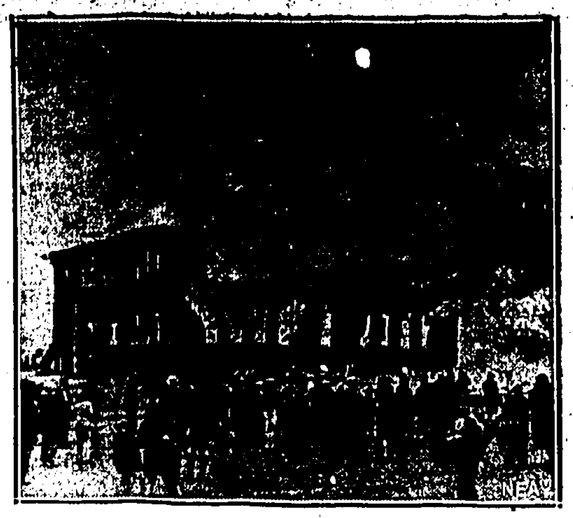
SALESMAN SAM — Up to You, Guzz! — By Small

Photo taken after the Shanghai wedding of Miss Enid May Lewis and Mr. Albert Heather.



A blazing school building at Harrah, Oklahoma. 400 children escaped scatheless.

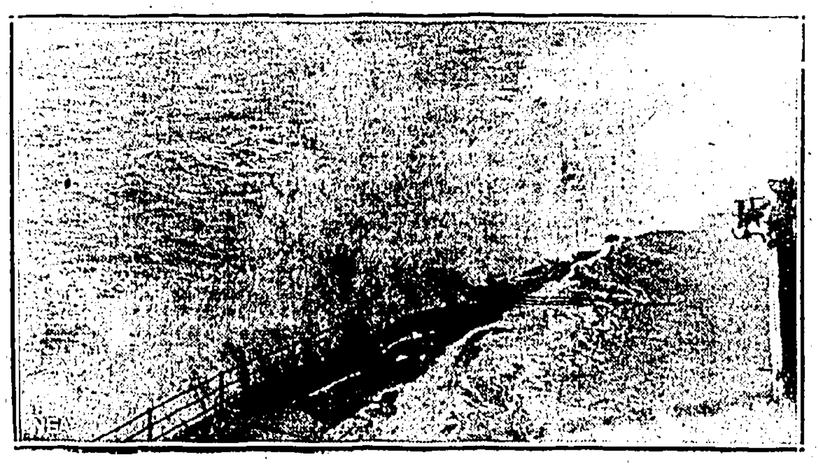
Our picture shows the bridal party at the wedding in Shanghai of Miss Vera Vale and Mr. John Ewart March.

Mrs. R. D. Gillespie presenting a special trophy to the leader of the Chinese Boy Scouts in Shanghai, at the recent Jamboree.

The King and Queen of Siam going ashore from the Empress of Japan.

Mr. J. F. Brenan, inspecting Chinese Scouts in Shanghai, with the Commissioner.

Maybe tennis is Miss Barbara Bannister's long suit—but long suits aren't for tennis. Above is shown the charming player demonstrating the newest, and coolest, mode in court attire at Miami Beach. Dame Fashion's net results are very pleasing to the eye.



Judge Kao, of Special District Court Bench.

Scenes on the New England coast after a gale had demolished sea wall, wrecked property, Top photo shows the storm's ferocity.

Miss Francis Sheridan, recent Shanghai debutante.

Mr. Y. F. Lieu, who is very well-known in foreign circles in Shanghai as the Co-director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Shanghai Office.)

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667, 671, 678, 683, 685, 691, 695, 705, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732, 733, 734, 737, 738, 766, 773, 775, 776.

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TO LET.—From 1st May, No. 1,

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TO LET.—From 1st May, No. 1, King's Park Building, Austin Road, Kowloon, four-roomed FLAT. Modern conveniences. Apply Union Trading Co. Ltd. York Building.

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The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. John S. Smith, the proprietor of the Station Hotel, to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY and TO-MORROW.

the 24th and 25th April, 1931,

commencing each day at 10.30 a.m.

at

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

comprising:—

Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield Couch and Chairs, Large Armchairs, Bookcases, Side Boards, Folding Screens, Long Mirrors, Pictures, Clocks, Brass Fenders, Brass Ware, Ornaments, Carpets, Rugs, Curtains, Flower Stands etc., etc.

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Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

On View from Tuesday, the 21st April, 1931.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Monday,
the 27th April, 1931,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at No. 4, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

On View from Sunday, the 26th April, 1931.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Tuesday,
the 28th April, 1931,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at No. 39, Humphrey's Building (Kowloon).

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On View from Monday, the 27th April, 1931.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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NOTICE.

HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY.

It is hereby notified that commencing on SATURDAY, 25th April, a constant house supply will be given in all Rider Main Districts.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1931.

WHERE DIVORCE IS UNPOPULAR.

TRINIDAD'S APPEAL TO BRITAIN.

New York, Mar. 27.

If Reno (Nevada) were in Trinidad (British West Indies) it would do a poor business in divorces.

While Nevada is competing with other American States for the custom of those who want an easy divorce, the people of Trinidad have raised the cry, "Down with Divorce." The island is in a tumult because a Divorce Bill has been introduced into the Legislature, thousands of inhabitants being under the impression that if the Bill were passed marriages would be severed automatically and divorce would become obligatory.

Women of colour affirm that spinsterhood would be preferable for what is there in life for a woman married at 18 and divorced at 40?

All religious denominations, including Roman Catholics and Anglicans, have forwarded a resolution to Lord Passfield, the Secretary for the Colonies, urging that a divorce law is repugnant to the islanders.

TRADE'S "LIFE STREAM."

ADVERTISING MR. JUSTICE MCCARDIE.

Mr. Justice McCardie, speaking at the dinner of the National Advertising Benevolent society at the Connaught Rooms, said that advertising had become one of the basic essentials of business success.

"Advertisement is the life stream of progressive trade," he said. "It announces; it proclaims; it broadens the demand; it strengthens and develops the sources of supply."

Two of the most striking features of recent years had been the new conception and the dignity of business, and a new concention of the part to be played in domestic and world enterprise by wise and far-spread advertisement.

Major J. J. Astor, M. P., said that only one firm of American motor manufacturers increased its advertising in 1930. In spite of this its business was down by 14 per cent., but the average drop of the trade as a whole was 28 per cent.

AN ASTOUNDING WAR BOOK.

SIR BASIL THOMPSON'S DISCLOSURES.

GREECE AND ALLIES.

That King Constantine of Greece was pro-Ally and not pro-German, and that an order issued at his request by the Kaiser saved the Allied armies at Salonica from disaster;

That Queen Sophie of Greece, far from being a pro-German, was English in her sympathies;

That General Sarrail, the Allied commander at Salonica, to excuse his inaction, falsely accused the Greek Government of treachery;

That the difficulties which arose between the Allies and Greece were due to the machinations of the French Naval Attache at Athens, Commander de Roquefeuil.

That M. Venizelos himself issued the order which enabled the Germans to coal the Goeben;

That Bolo was unjustly shot as a German agent in France:

These and other conclusions are set forth by Sir Basil Thomson in his disquieting book, The Allied Secret Service in Greece. (Hutchinson, 21s.), which is of the most painful interest. Sir Basil was Director of Intelligence from 1919 to 1921 and in the closest touch with events, and he has had access to many unpublished documents.

Though much of what he has to say will be entirely new to the public in this country, it may not surprise those who have studied the memoirs of Count Bosdari, the Italian Minister at Athens, and Admiral Dartige du Fournet, the French naval commander.

According to Sir Basil Thomson, Greece was throughout the war most cruelly treated, largely through Commander de Roquefeuil's insane mischief-making. He was the chief Allied propaganda merchant in Athens, and Sir Basil states that he invented and spread the lying tales which reached the Allied nations and prejudiced them against Constantine.

As for his secret service, it is alleged to have been of the most ludicrous inefficiency, and we are told that his agents were as often as not in German pay:

In the summer of 1916 the Greeks arrested on their frontier ten men whose movements had given rise to suspicion. In their defence they exhibited a button . . . . which marked them as agents in the service of the French. The Greek officer, wishing to examine the button more closely, had it removed. It was then discovered that the button was double-headed: that the reverse bore the device of the Imperial German service and marked the bearer as an employee of von Scherk (the German intelligence agent in Athens). They were searched. Each man had two passports, one from either belligerent, and to crown all, some of the men were carrying two sets of reports in their pockets, the one addressed to de Roquefeuil and the other to von Schenk.

Murderers and Brigands.

An analysis of the official list of men serving in the Allied Secret Police in Athens, according to Sir Basil, reveals the following antecedents: eight murderers, nine ex-brigands, seven pickpockets, ten smugglers, eleven thieves, twenty white slave traffickers.

The British public now learns from Sir Basil Thomson's disclosures that de Roquefeuil manoeuvred the armed encounter between the force landed from the Allied warships off Athens and the Greeks, is the midst of which Athens was bombarded by certain of the French warships.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, $2035. s.
Chartered Bank, £15 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £24 n.
East Asia $120 b.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., $1400 s.
Union Ins., $630 sa.
China Underwriters, $5.10 s.
China Fires, $525 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $1300 n.

Shipping.
Douglas, $21½ b.
H. K. Steamboats, $26½ sa.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $40 n.
Union Waterboats, $35½ n.

Mining.
Benguets, $9½ b.
Kailans, 31/9 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 5/½ n.
Raubs, $38¾ n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, 165 n.
Whampoa Docks, $28½ b.
South China Motors $10 n.
China Provident, $5.70/80 sa.
Hongkews, Tls. 300 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 6.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108½ n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cotton Tls. 14.½ sa.
S'hai Cotton Tls. 106 s.
Zoong Sings Tls. 11½ n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, $14.60 b.
H. K. Land 87 sa.
S'hai Land Tls. 40 n.
Humphreys, $17.15 s.
Realties, $11.45 sa.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, $18.30 b.
Peak Trams, (old) $14¼ n.
Star Ferries, $94 sa.
China Lights, $25.80 b.
H. K. Electrics, $79½ b.
Telephones, $54 n.
China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.
Singapore Tractions, 6/6 n.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons $39 n.
Canton Ices, $3.60 b.
Cement (Comb.) $18½ b.
Ropes, $18¼ b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, $26½ b.
Watson, $13.10 b.
Der A. Winga, $1 n.
Lane Crawford, $5.90 s.
Mackintosh, $20 n.
Sinceres, $14¼ b.
Powells $2.85 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, $26½ s.
Constructions, $6½ sa.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 69% b.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 2nd April) and Europe via Siberia (London 6th April)	Chichibu Maru	April 24.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 4th Apr.)	Pres. Lincoln	April 24.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sui Yang	April 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	April 25.
Straits	Alipore	April 26.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak	April 26.
Manila	Pres. Grant	April 27.
Batavia	Tjikembang	April 28.
Straits	Cremer	April 28.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 12th Apr.)	Emps. of Russia	April 30.
London parcels (London 26th March) and Straits	Sarpedon	May 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	May 1.
Straits	Katori Maru	May 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 3rd Apr.)	Pres. Harrison	May 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 10th Apr.)	Pres. Cleveland	May 4.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 6.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Bangkok	Halldor	Fri., Apr. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Fri., Apr. 24, 4 p.m.
Formosa	Ouderkerk	Fri., Apr. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Michael Jebsen	Fri., Apr. 24, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana	Sat., Apr. 25. K.P.O. Parcels ....Apr. 24, 4.30 p.m. Registration ..Apr. 25, 9 a.m. Letters .....Apr. 25, 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels .....Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Registration Apr. 25, 9.45 a.m. Letters .....Apr. 25, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 22nd May.)
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C. and *Europe via Siberia	Emps. of Canada	Sat., Apr. 25. Parcels .....Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Registration Apr. 25, 9.15 a.m. Letters .....Apr. 25, 10 a.m. (Due Vancouver B. C. 14th May.)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kamo Maru	Sat., Apr. 25. Registration .....8.45 a.m. Letters .....9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 8th May).
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Sat., Apr. 25, 9 a.m.
Straits	Hong Hwa	Sat., Apr. 25, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Fri., Apr. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sui Sang	Sat., Apr. 25, 5 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Chip Shing	Sat., Apr. 25, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Apr. 26, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangtung	Sun., Apr. 26, 9 a.m.
Amoy via Swatow	Anhui	Mon., Apr. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Apr. 27, 3 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Grant	Mon., Apr. 27. Parcels .....3 p.m. Registration .....4.15 p.m. Letters .....5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 19th May).
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Mon., Apr. 27. Registration .....5 p.m. Letters .....6 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjibadak	Tues., Apr. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Apr. 28, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Coylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Felix Roussel	Tues., Apr. 28. K. P. O. Registration .....1 p.m. Letters .....1 p.m. G. P. O. Registration .....1.45 p.m. Letters .....2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 30th May).
Straits, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Perseus	Tues., Apr. 28, 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 30th May.)
Swatow and Amoy	Cremer	Tues., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Chichibu Maru	Wed., Apr. 29. Registration ..Apr. 28, 5 p.m. Letters .....Apr. 29, 8.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 20th May.)
Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Apr. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., May 1, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., May 1, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Terukuni Maru	Fri, May 1. K.P.O. Registration .....4.30 p.m. Letters .....4.30 p.m. G.P.O. Registration .....5 p.m. Letters .....6 p.m. (Due Marseilles 28th May.)
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Katori Maru	Sat., May 2, 3.30 p.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence only

JUDGE AND THE BAR.

SYMPATHY WITH A WOMAN.

Criticism of the Bar was made by Judge Sir Alfred Tobin at Westminster County Court when he sympathised with a woman witness who had given evidence in an unsuccessful claim for damages against the L.G.O.C.

The plaintiff, a woman, alleged that a bus started suddenly and jerked her into the road.

Remarking that the woman had been subpœnaed by the solicitors for the plaintiff and on their instructions called a liar, the Judge continued:

"Counsel are responsible, educated gentlemen, and the time arrives when responsible, educated gentlemen should do something. No wonder the Bar stinks sometimes in the nostrils of the public. It is perfectly shocking."

The Judge said that if the solicitors in the case had checked the evidence of the witness they proposed to call they would have found out that this was a trumped-up case.

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S WILL.

Probate has been granted of the second will of the Earl of Birkenhead, which was discovered at the beginning of last month. The original will, made in 1903, had been admitted to probate on February 26 last, but when the discovery was reported to Somerset House a certificate revoking probate was issued.

The new will, made nearly 12 years after the old one, contains one alteration. It appoints Mr. Arthur Furneaux, a brother-in-law of the late earl, to be an additional executor. The document will be available for public inspection to-day at Somerset House.

"an attempt to obtain money by criminal false pretences from the London General Omnibus Company, and an attempt to blast the future and the domestic home, if he has one, of the conductor. What did the solicitors care about that? Not a rap."

Judges were thoroughly sick of such trumped-up cases, and if the Law Society would take notice of them so much the better for the solicitors' profession.

'Bon Voyage!'-with '4711'

A happy thought—a charming prelude to the voyage: giving a bottle of genuine "4711"! To dispel headaches and travel fatigue, "4711"—this excellent and genuine Eau de Cologne—is truly unsurpassed. Dab it on wrists and temples when tired, add a liberal dash to the bath and shaving water . . . it keeps you elastic and gloriously fit.

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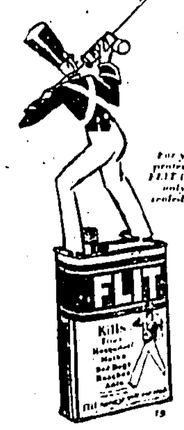

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IN THE CENTER, IS A FROCK OF NAVY LINEN LACE. THE JACKET HAS SHORT CIRCULAR SLEEVES AND A WHITE FLOWER AT THE NECKLINE.

AT THE RIGHT, AN ALENCON LACE BODICE AND JACKET COMPLEMENT THE BLACK CHIFFON SKIRT WHICH IS PLEATED IN SUNBURST EFFECT.

GLADYS PARKER

BEAUTY HINTS.

[By Alicia Hart.]

You carefully pick your evening powder and your evening rouge. Then what?

Well, there is a lot left to be done, to get the right results.

Just how you place your rouge, where, in what kind of a geometric figure, is really important. For if you yearn for that perfect oval face, and happen to have a long, skinny one, you can do much to perfect its illusion of roundness.

Right here I must say that the day has passed when you should not realize that your own individuality may be expressed 100 times better by exactly the kind of rather unusual facial contour that you may happen to have. But since many women and girls ask the question, "how can I make my face look oval," here are some hints:

1. If you have a long face, place your rouge low on the face and in a wide triangle, with the widest line across your cheeks about half way down from yo eyes to your nostrils.

2. If your face is not only long but very, very thin, run this wide line from near your ear across your cheek to near your nose. In other words, use a lot of rouge so far as surface goes.

3. If your face is baby-round and you pine for an oval, place your rouge high on your cheeks, right smack even with the cheek bones but right under the eyes, close to the nose, instead of out on the bones. This slenderizes and lengthens the look of your cute little face.

4. If you have that perfect oval, you should apply your rouge in a small triangle from the temple to the nose and to the ear, but a nice triangle. It is just natural colour you want, no illusion of changing shape.

The amount of rouge you use should depend upon the type you are, somewhat. If you have soft, serene eyes and a disposition and colouring that go with them, don't use too much rouge. You will lose a lot of that gentle charm and take on a brittleness which your real character belies.

If you have large, bright eyes, are a vivid personality and have decided colour to your hair, you can afford to use plenty of rouge. It is in tone with you, yourself.

FLORAL BOOK ENDS.

The newest book ends are made in the form of garden walls, with flowers shown climbing up the sides. The flowers are hand-painted, and stand out from the walls, and take the form of hollyhocks, lupins, and foxgloves, all painted in gay colours.

CHEESE AND PASTRY.

Some Very Useful Recipes.

Cheese and pastry in combination may be used for many delectable savouries and also for more substantial dishes for lunch or supper.

Cheese Pencils.

These may be served as an after-dinner savoury. Make about a teacupful thick white sauce, add to it a teacupful grated cheese, season with salt, pepper, and a few grains of cayenne, and turn out on a plate to cook and stiffen. Meanwhile make some short pastry by rubbing 1½ oz. butter into 4 oz. flour and mixing with a very little cold water. Knead till free from cracks, then roll out as thin as paper. Take small pieces of the cheese mixture, and after flouring your hands roll each piece out in the shape of a small pencil. Cover these neatly with pieces of the pastry, sealing the joins with cold water. Egg and breadcrumb the pencils and fry in hot fat till a nice brown colour. Serve on a hot dish covered by a lace paper and garnish with sprigs of parsley.

Cheese Tartlets.

Make a good short pastry, roll it out thinly, and with it line 8 patty tins. Melt ½ oz. butter in a small pan, stir into it 2 dessertspoonful flour and slowly add milk till you have a creamy sauce. Simmer gently for a minute or two then measure a half-teacupful and to this quantity add 1 oz. grated parmesan cheese, the yolk of an egg, and salt and cayenne to taste. Fold in the white of an egg, which should previously have been whipped to a stiff froth, half-fill the patty tins and bake in a moderate oven for about 20 minutes.

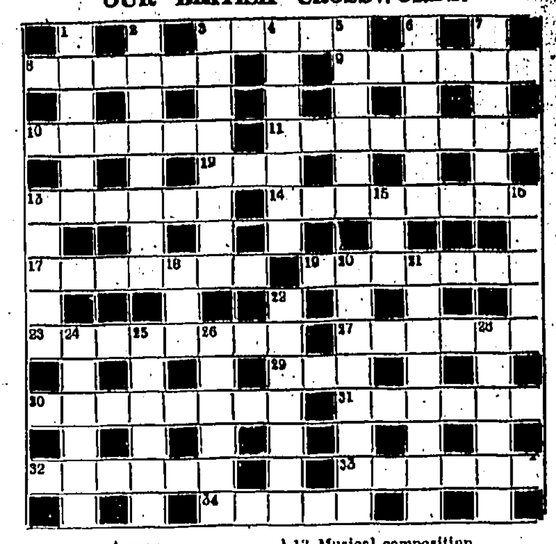
French Cheese Pasties.

This is a good way of using up scraps of puff or flaky pastry. Put 1½ oz. grated cheese in a basin with 1 teaspoonful melted butter, salt and pepper to taste, and just enough yolk of egg to make the mixture stiff, but not too much, so as to spread. Roll out the pastry very thinly, brush it over with egg, spread the cheese mixture on it, and fold over. Cut into squares, fingers, or rounds, and bake in a hot oven.

Bright.

The soft crown with a straw brim is a new and bright idea. This one has a crown of white crocheted wool and a brim of rough navy straw. Bows of straw are placed on top of the brim at the back and under it on the left side.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

3 Bitter repentance re this.
8 He who would the first part must the second—regardless of this weather.
9 You'll find this silly.
10 After Oxford grass does not grow here.
11 In the tempest, he raised the wind to some purpose.
12 Mount it in Asia Minor.
13 Gambol.
14 "Not a rail," but something very like it, I'll take my affidavit (anag.).
17 Absolutely terrible.
19 Dizziness.
23 Here, in a heavenly setting.
27 Just one.
29 May as well make it the lot.
30 This makes Great Britain groan.
31 This thoroughfare always offers you a meeting-place.
32 Mr. Snowden favours this 30.
33 Shun.
34 Perhaps I cut this too fine.

Down

1 Biting to the taste—though lots of people seem to be able to endure it.
2 It requires more than ordinary nerve to climb these.
3 Sacredly secret.
4 Not amenable to restraint.
5 Guard.
6 This full glass must beware of the this.
7 A ridge of mountains.
13 Musical composition.
15 Another musical composition.
16 This comes after 7 in West Africa.
18 Don't worry, there's time to repent yet (hidden).
20 Here a Slav helps to describe the producers of Soviet timber.
21 What a ball has to roll down hill.
22 You ought not to believe this—it's a calumny.
24 Calamitous.
25 Useful to the inexperienced typist.
26 Turns out.
28 The bay-tree.

Yesterday's Solution.

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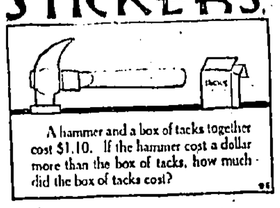
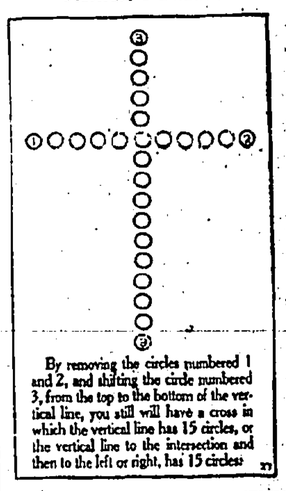


A hammer and a box of tacks together cost $1.10. If the hammer cost a dollar more than the box of tacks, how much did the box of tacks cost?

Yesterday's Solution



By removing the circles numbered 1 and 2, and shifting the circle numbered 3, from the top to the bottom of the vertical line, you still will have a cross in which the vertical line has 15 circles, or the vertical line to the intersection and then to the left or right, has 15 circles.

MOTOR BANDITS INCREASE.

20 CARS STOLEN IN TWO DAYS.

London, Mar. 26.

Much concern is being felt by the police at the growth in the number of gangs of motor-bandits operating in the London area.

Up to midnight last night at least 20 cars had been stolen in the London area within two days, and of these many are thought to have been used in the carrying out of smash-and-grab raids.

On Wednesday night 11 motor-cars were stolen and nine raids were later reported. Last night nine cars were stolen, and several more raids took place.

The thefts last night were from a wide area which included Tottenham Court-road, Islington, Hanwell, Hammersmith, Bow-street, and Marylebone.

10-Second Thefts.

All the skill of the motor police and the Flying Squad is powerless against a form of theft which is carried out, without any preparation, in 10 or 15 seconds.

Thieves are also driving away motor-cars and motor-vans laden with valuable goods and are abondoning them after clearing the contents at their leisure.

A stolen car found in Broadmead-road, Woodford-green, E., last night was identified as one stolen on Wednesday night from Woodford Station. It contained watches and clocks to the value of £200. The goods had vanished. The owner, Mr. R. Hawkins, of Hatton-garden, E.C., stated that this was the second time in eight days that articles had been stolen from his car.

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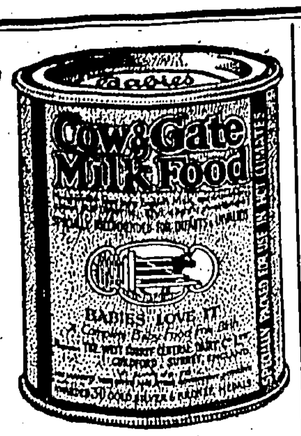

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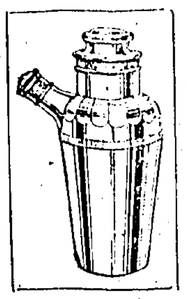

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1931.

TOWN PLANNING.

It has well been said that town planning is one of those things about which administrators tend to be enthusiastic in principle, and apathetic, or at least dilatory, in practice. Here in Hongkong, we have long since become acquainted with that circumstance. In England, however, a great deal has been done in this matter during recent years, and we read that well over six million acres are already under planning schemes, full-blown or embryonic. However, much more remains to be done. That this fact is realised is clear from the recent introduction of a new Town and Country Planning Bill, which should command the support of every lover of order, beauty and efficiency. The Bill is not revolutionary in character, but under its provisions, given a little more public zeal and a little less private pigheadedness, there is promise of rapid advance.

The main lines of the Bill are plain, although the subject is complicated in some aspects. First and foremost, the scope of planning schemes is being widened, it being recognised that town planning is not enough, and that the planning of a town in isolation may easily do more harm than good. Therefore, regional planning, in which urban and country districts alike shall share, has become a necessity. Some local authorities have long realised this, and have attempted to struggle with the problem by joint committees, but the job has not been at all easy and has been rendered all the more difficult by the petty-mindedness of some local councils. The Bill, however, proposes to encourage, and if necessary to enforce, the establishment of regional planning authorities. What is more, it proposes to enhance their planning powers—to give them the right, which they do not at present possess, to deal with built-up areas, to protect rural amenities, and to preserve "existing buildings and other objects of architectural, historic, artistic or natural interest of beauty." It is believed that under these powers the planning authorities will be able to nip in the bud many vile devices of the speculative builder, or the selfish and unimaginative landowner.

There are some important provisions relating to compensation and betterment. The general principles of compensation to owners of property compulsorily taken, or adversely affected by a planning scheme, will remain, but in certain specified cases the local authority may recommend the Minister of Health that no compensation shall be payable. The principle of betterment is enlarged by the Bill. It is laid down that where a planning scheme results in the increase of value of any property, the responsible authority may recover from the owner the full amount of that increase—not merely the fifty per cent. or so which it has hitherto been able to secure. The provision seems equitable, for whereas the community should pay the landlord whose possessions it takes or damages, it is not reasonable that it should throw presents in his lap. Happily, there seems every prospect of the measure being regarded as non-contentious, for it is known to accord with Liberal ideas, whilst the Conservatives have expressed approval of the general principles of the Bill, which represents a useful piece of purely domestic legislation on a subject which has long called for attention.

What Can be Done.

There seems a great deal of misconception regarding the outlook of Hongkong as an air port. We see it actually suggested, for instance, that the question of an aerodrome or hangers does not enter into the inauguration of a Hongkong-Canton Airways, that it is a task for private enterprise provided the necessary capital is forthcoming, and that such a service by private enterprise should be independent of Government aid. Anathema is poured upon enthusiasts who cannot rid themselves of the "ridiculous" idea that Kai Tack must play an important part in the scheme of things. All that private enterprise need worry about is the provision of ten or twelve machines, to run between Hongkong and Macao, Canton, Wuchow, Foochow, Amoy etc. If an aerodrome equipment, and ground staff is necessary, then the enterprising company concerned can easily find a base other than Kai Tack. That as far as we can gather is the advice offered, and it is rather unfortunate that the source of the few million dollars required for this scheme is not disclosed. To riddle the suggestion is too easy to be worth the trouble. The inhospitable Chinese attitude to foreign-operated services is not considered. The fact that the new Canton expresses are scheduled to complete the journey from Kowloon in a little over three hours and thus destroy any proposal for a passenger service as a commercial proposition is entirely overlooked, as is the well-known fact that no regular air service in the world to-day is operating without a heavy Government subsidy, and that such must be forthcoming if any start at all is to be made. The real position is very simply explained. In the first place, air development in Hongkong must be centred upon the magnificent aerodrome now being constructed at Kai Tack. When completed, and it will probably be ready early next year, it will be one of the finest aerodromes in the world outside the great air-ports. Accommodation will be provided for the R.A.F. fleet, the Flying Club machines, planes for commercial aviation, and machines belonging to private owners. Until its completion little or no progress can be made. There are at least two companies in Hongkong prepared for experimental flights with a view to establishment of air services if permitted. Principally, however, the authorities are concerned with the linking of Hongkong by air with Croydon, and the provision of air mail facilities of this kind is the only justification for the large sums being spent at Kai Tack. And the day is not far ahead when all things will be possible. The Imperial Airways are extending the India service to Australia. It is but a short step forward to provide a feeder service from Rangoon—not Singapore—to Hongkong, via Hanoi. Hongkong, by this means, would be brought within ten or eleven days of London. Other projects are minor considerations for the present.

DAY BY DAY

THE FUNDAMENTAL ASSUMPTION MADE BY LEGISLATORS AND PEOPLE ALIKE IS THAT A MAJORITY HAS POWERS TO WHICH NO LIMITS CAN BE PUT.—*Herbert Spencer.*

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The Ben Line s.s. Benrinnes, from Home ports via Singapore, is due here on the 29th instant.

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It is advertised that a constant house water supply will be given in all rider main districts as from to-morrow.

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Ashud Bagun, a two-an-a-half year old Indian child, was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital yesterday after swallowing some quicksilver.

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A reminder is published in this issue that the opening of the pavilion of the Indian Recreation Club by Mr. A. el Arculli will take place to-morrow at 3 p.m.

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Passengers arriving here from Home by the P. and O. s.s. Comorin included Sir Joseph Kemp, the Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn and Mrs. Southorn.

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Through an accidental fall into the harbour from the Star Ferry Wharf, Chano So (62), living at No. 1, Yau Yee Street, has been admitted into the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of the experience.

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Professor R. K. M. Simpson will deliver his Presidential address on "Florence" at the fourth annual meeting of the Arts Association of the Hongkong University, in the Union Assembly Hall on Monday next at 8.30 p.m.

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A brown monkey, belonging to Private J. Hinbury, R.E., was taken to the Kennedy Town Depot yesterday for observation, after it had bitten its owner on the hand. Precautionary treatment was taken by the private at the Military Hospital.

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Members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce are giving a tea party this afternoon, when opportunity will be taken to present Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., and Ip Lan-chuen, late Chairman and Secretary, with two beautiful souvenirs to commemorate their services to the Chamber.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

LATEST ORDERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., state:

Parades.

Engineer Company.—Monday, April 27th. Miniature Range Shoot.

Machine Gun Company.—Parades: On Tuesday, 28th. April at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Uniform:—Mufti, belts and sidearms. Recruits under Sergt. Terry at Miniature Range N.C.O.'s under C. S. M. Slattery on the parade ground.

The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their orders separately to their commands:—1, Corps Band; 2, Battery; 3, Corps Signals; 4, Machine Gun Troop, 5, Armoured Car Company (Car Section and Motor Cycle Section); 6, Scottish Company; 7, Portuguese Company.

Musketry.—All Rifle Casuals who have not completed their course for 1930/31 will fire on The Peak Range on Sunday, 26th. instant commencing at 9 a.m. Range Office—Lieut. J. S. Rodrigues. All M.G. Casuals who have not completed their course for 1930/31 will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, 26th. instant. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 9 a.m. and calls at Kowloon Police Pier 9.10 a.m. Range Officer—Lieut. J. F. Wright.

Appointment and Promotions.

No. 1540 Acting C.S.M. R. E. Slattery, No. 1 Platoon, is appointed Company Sergeant Major with effect from 24.4.31.

No. 1111 L/Sgt. C. E. M. Terry, No. 2 Platoon, is appointed Sergeant Instructor with effect from 24.4.31.

Transfer.

No. 1557 Pte. J. Smith, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Armoured Car Company, Car Section as from 17.4.31.

No. 1111 Sergt. C. E. M. Terry, No. 2 Platoon, is transferred to Machine Gun Company Headquarters as from 24.4.31.

Struck Off The Strength.

Having completed 3 years' service.—No. 1296 Pte. F. A. Castro, No. 12 Platoon, as from 21.1.31.

Leave.

No. 1102 L/Cpl. E. M. Bryden, No. 7, Platoon, granted 8 months' leave from 31.3.31 to 30.11.31.

No. 1107 L/Cpl. S. A. Gregory, No. 2 Platoon, granted 9 months' leave from 1.5.31 to 31.1.32.

No. 1451 Pte. E. Himsworth, Armoured Car Company, Car Section, granted 1 month's leave from 7.4.31 to 7.5.31.

(Sgd.) W. H. G. GOATER, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

From Panic to Picnic.

By JOHN P. DAVIS.

IT WAS boat-race day. That accounted for the dark blue bow I was sporting when I called to see Scotty. It is hard to say why the boss should have favoured Oxford—seeing that it lost—but being an Australian he simply had to "barrack" for something, and he saw that I did also; I was much relieved to find Scotty decorated in a similar manner.

"Hullo!" he said, by way of greeting, "how did you get here?"

"Tell you later," I replied, "that's if you're coming out!"

"Love to," he answered, "provided you don't mind the smell of soap—I've just been washed!"

The operation had not made much difference so far as I could see, but then, it would take more than soap and water to remove the dusty look from an Aberdeen terrier.

Barking Insults.

As we strolled along we noticed that blue seemed to be the fashionable colour for dogs, and we got some amusement out of barking insults at those who carried the Cambridge variety; we also found a free fight or two, and I must say that, for a little chap, Scotty moves very well—in spite of the fact of his being rather too underslung for really decent footwork.

Eventually, however, over-confidence brought us up against a too powerful opposing force, and we had to break for cover.

Our headlong rush into a building proved very upsetting for an official who was punching tickets at the gate, and a rapid descent of hundreds of steps brought us to an out-size in rabbit-warrens, where the strangeness of everything—in addition to the knowledge that we did not quite know how to get out—put us into a state of panic.

We entered an open door which immediately closed behind us, and found ourselves on a moving train, breathless!

"Great Danes!" We're on the Underground," panted Scotty, "and" (dismally) "we haven't any tickets."

There was nothing to be done about it except sit close to a stout lady in a fur coat and look pathetic. We left the train, following close on her heels, but did not wait to hear the result of her argument with the man at the gate.

Train travelling is usually good fun, but the scenery on that trip was most uninteresting, and I was glad to find the streets again. Fortunately, Scotty knew where we were, and shortly we arrived at the Tower after passing through a district where most of the people had big noses and seemed to talk with their hands.

Squirming Snakes.

It was in this quarter that I saw something which made my hair bristle with fright. Dozens of squirming black snakes piled on a dish outside a fishmonger's stall!

"They're not snakes, you ass," laughed Scotty, "they's eels! And not bad eating either, although I must confess a preference for a cut from the joint—without the two veg."

"Anyway," I said, with a shudder, "they look like snakes to me, and I'm treating them as such. Come on!"

At the Tower we saw a man in strange clothes, who Scotty said was a "Beefeater."

"If that is what he got all those medals for, we should be entitled to one or two ourselves," I said to Scotty, who stated that he was appalled at my ignorance. We then saw another strangely dressed man, but he was an American tourist; some people passing were talking about the Bloody Tower—I think that they must have been Australians.

As we were not allowed inside we passed the time watching the boats on the river; Scotty pointed out the Tower Bridge, and got a little "huffy" when I said that there was a better one in Sydney, which did not break in two every now and again.

I fared better than Scotty in his matter of food because I could jump higher when people picnicing would throw us scraps. I gave him some, however, otherwise he would have had to be content with the jam he surreptitiously licked from the bread belonging to a small boy.

At Cross Purposes.

On the long tramp homeward I explained how I came to be free on that day. The boss, like most Australians visiting London, had purchased clothes and had done himself well in the matter of neckwear. His taste runs to stripes, but when he found that within a fortnight he had worn an "Old Etonian," an "Old Calathumpian," and the colours of half the regiments of the British Army—from the Brigade of Guards downward—he had left hurriedly in search of a mercer who could supply him with something in a chaste design of boomerangs or kangaroos, so that no further misunderstanding would take place.

"He would have been at cross purposes if he had had a weakness for tartan," said Scotty, which was an apt remark when you come to think it out.

POLICE CHANGES.

OFFICERS GOING ON LEAVE TO-MORROW.

A number of police officers are sailing for Home on leave by the P. & O. s.s. Rajputana to-morrow, these being Detective Inspector Shannon, who will be accompanied by his wife and family, Sub-Inspector J. R. McWalter, Acting Sub-Inspector L. Whant, and Sub-Inspector J. Fender.

A few changes have resulted from the departure of these officers. Inspector Andrew will be in charge of the "Murder Squad", Criminal Investigation Department, at Headquarters, while his duties as Inspector in charge of the District Watchmen, with headquarters at the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs, will be taken over by Inspector J. E. Booker.

Acting Sub-Inspector Whant will be succeeded at the Passports Office by Sergt. C. Mottram, while Inspector E. Bloor who had just returned from leave, will go to Central as Divisional Inspector.

"All right, smartie! You're always praising your mother's cooking—why don't you say something when I find a place like this all by myself?"

CONFISCATED GOODS AUCTIONED.

POLICE RAID BOOTY SOLD THIS MORNING.

A conglomeration of condemned and confiscated goods, for which the authorities had no further use, came under the hammer of the auctioneer in the compounds of the Upper Level Police Station and the Central Police Station this morning, when old uniforms, metal, cartridge cases, old boots, furniture, a quantity of jewellery and a motor car, were disposed of by Mr. J. A. S. Alves, of Messrs. Hughes & Hough, Ltd.

The first part of the sale was conducted in the compound of the Upper Level Police Station, in Hospital Road, where the goods for disposal consisted of old uniforms and old boots. Goods which had been confiscated after they had been seized in police raids, including all manner of furniture, were sold in the compound of the Central Police Station where, also an old police car, a Studebaker, No. 54, which was formerly used by the Superintendent, came under the auctioneer's hammer.

The sale lasted throughout the morning and, as is usual at these auctions, large numbers of second hand dealers, in search of bargains, made up the attendance.

CHINESE ARTS AND CRAFT.

EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN HONGKONG.

The Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association wish to announce that they will be holding a Chinese exhibition on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 5th., 6th., and 7th. November.

A committee has been formed with Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe as chairman to proceed with the organisation of the exhibition. It is not possible, at present, to give a detailed account of the various attractions of the exhibition but the intention of the organisers is to make it both comprehensive and representative. There will be included, a display of Chinese Art of various kind; booths where craftsmen may be seen at work making various articles; stalls where their finished work may be purchased; tableaux illustrating Chinese customs, and many other interesting attractions.

The objects of the exhibition are to foster interest in Chinese Art, crafts etc, and to help toward mutual friendship; to exhibit aspects of Christian work in South China and to demonstrate the value of missionary effort; and to raise funds for work in the Diocese of Victoria.

SPECIAL WINTER VOYAGE.

BLUE FUNNEL ULYSSES COMING EAST.

We are informed that it has been arranged for the Blue Funnel steamer Ulysses to make a special round voyage to Ceylon; Malaya, China and Japan, sailing from Liverpool on 26th September, and due Liverpool on return 30th January, 1932, at a cost of £126.

The steamer will call outward at Marseilles, Port Said, Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan ports, and homeward at Shanghai, Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Port Said, and Genoa and Havre.

The s.s. Ulysses is the largest liner in the Blue Funnel fleet, and with the remarkably low fare quoted it affords a unique opportunity for people at Home to pay a short visit to their relatives in China and Japan and at the same time see the Far East and escape a large proportion of the English winter.

Further particulars of this voyage can be obtained from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING DRAMA.

AMERICAN ACQUITTED BY COURT.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

The American sailor Gerfers, who shot dead a Chinese intruder as reported yesterday, is a machinist mate of the U.S.S. Monocacy. At the inquest held at the public mortuary this morning by Procurator Quo of the Special District Court, Gerfers was acquitted of criminal responsibility, it being shown that the killing was unintentional.

Compensation was suggested, but the deceased's brother spurned the advice of the Procurator, and declared his intention to bring a suit in the American Court.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

MOTOR DRIVER SUMMONED.

FAILED TO OBEY ORDER OF POLICE.

Under Section 121 of the Traffic Regulations, which requires all persons to stop or move on when called upon to do so by a police officer, the driver of motor car 2999, belonging to Mr. Leung Yee-tak, was summoned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning and fined $5.

According to the evidence for the prosecution, the defendant, together with several others, was standing in Pedder Street opposite Brewer's bookstore. The crowd was ordered to move on, and all did with the exception of the defendant, who remained where he was, even after again being spoken to shortly afterwards. He was standing about two yards in front of the car. There was quite a lot of traffic on the road at the time. The accused had been waiting for his master and his intention was probably to allow his master to see him, instead of having to look for the car.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. A. Covey, denied having been warned by the police officer and stated that he was leaning against the car and was not standing two yards away.

Mr. Covey submitted that the regulation was not applicable to the incident. It referred to people with goods and not to drivers who were standing by their cars.

His Worship accepted the evidence of the prosecution that the defendant was standing two yards away, and registered a conviction.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT.

MRS. M. A. LEE PASSES AWAY IN HOSPITAL.

It is with regret that we have to record the death, which took place yesterday, of Mrs. M. A. Lee, of Prince Edward Road, the mother of a well-known local family, who have resided in Hongkong for many years.

The deceased lady, who has been a resident of Kowloon for several years, was taken to hospital during the beginning of the week and passed away yesterday afternoon. She was the mother of Capt. William Lee an master mariner of the China Coast, Mrs. R. C. Randall and Messrs. Frank, A. T. and R. Lee, as well as other smaller children who are still at school.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the monument at 3.30 p.m.

EXTRALITY PROBLEM.

NO NEWS OF BRITISH AGREEMENT.

London, Apr. 23.

The British Foreign Office is ignorant of reports from China with regard to an imminent agreement between Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. Wang, on the subject of extrality.

All that is known here is that the discussions are proceeding.—*Reuter.*

Two Pacts Concluded.

Nanking, Apr. 23.

It is understood that the Sino-Norwegian extrality agreement was signed at 3.30 this afternoon by Dr. C. T. Wang and the Norwegian Minister, Mr. Aubert.

The Sino-Dutch extrality agreement is being signed this evening by Dr. Wang and Heer Oudendijk.

Details of the agreements have not been made public.—*Reuter.*

HEROIC AIRMAN.

RESCUE AMID LIVE BOMBS.

The medal of the military division of the Order of the British Empire has been awarded to Leading Aircraftsman Robert Ewing Douglas R.A.F., for conspicuous gallantry in attempting to save the lives of two fellow-airmen at Kohat, India, on June 13, 1930.

An aeroplane, with two men and a load of bombs, crashed at the aerodrome, bursting into flames.

Douglas, who was first to arrive on the scene, found the air gunner lying two yards from the wreckage, his clothes burning badly.

Douglas quenched the flames with a hand extinguisher and, with assistance, dragged the injured man clear and got him on the ambulance. Then he approached to within 12 yards of the wreckage to rescue the pilot when the first bomb exploded. Realising that there was no hope of the pilot being alive, he started to get clear, and when 30 yards away a second bomb exploded.

THE FIVE YEAR PLAN.

RUSSIAN RELIANCE ON FOREIGNERS.

IMPARTIAL BOOK.

There is only one factory erected under the Five Year Plan in Soviet Russia which has not been built by foreign engineers. This is the Selmashstroy agricultural implement factory, near Rostov but the whole of the plant and machine equipment was purchased in America.

Mr. H. R. Knickerbocker, whose book, "The Soviet Five Year Plan" (The Bodley Head, 8s. 6d) is just published has made a critical survey of the Soviet manufacturing districts and has arrived at the conclusion that the plan is succeeding. The whole work is being carried out under the supervision of foreign engineers of the highest calibre, mostly German and American. There are at present over a thousand highly skilled American experts in Soviet Russia who can command the highest salaries in their own country. American and German machinery and plant is almost universally used, and much of the work is done under contract.

No Real Food Shortage.

To visit the great centres, Moscow, Leningrad, and the large towns is to decide immediately that the plan has already failed. Living and feeding conditions are appalling, the people are wretched and discontented. There is no real shortage of food; nevertheless, the population is rationed,

RAILWAY DISASTER PICTURES.

Many in the "Telegraph" Supplement.

A feature of to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Art Supplement will be a whole page of special pictures of the Kowloon-Canton Railway disaster, including a remarkably fine photograph taken from an aeroplane giving an excellent general idea of the catastrophe. These pictures should be well worth sending to friends or relatives at Home.

There will be many other photographs of topical interest, sporting events covered including the Races, the China-Scotland football match, and the St. Paul's and Ying Wah College sports, as well as a photograph of the Y.M.C.A. 2nd hockey team which defeated H.M.S. Medway on Saturday.

A portrait of Mr. James Stewart, the well-known interport sportsman, who is leaving For Home on Saturday, will also be given, as well as groups taken at the weddings of Capt. A. Mayer, Superintendent of Police at Macao, and Miss L. N. Guimaraes, and of Mr. E. E. dos Remedios and Miss C. V. Ribeiro.

and it is reckoned that in the whole Union 60,000,000 working hours are lost daily by standing in queues waiting to obtain food.

Yet the production of crude petroleum has already doubled that of 1913. During the current year the timber production is more than double that of the United States. The steel industry is run entirely by Americans, and 400 skilled workmen and foremen are to be engaged for the huge Ural works, the plant of which alone will cost £3,000,000 and is to be all American. And the irony of it is that the United States is one of the few countries which has not yet granted recognition to Soviet Russia.

Mr. Knickerbocker explains in his last chapter how all this is accomplished. "Power of the State has become an end in itself under the Five Year Plan. Under it the Soviet Union has become the national incorporation of Nietzsche's 'Will to Power.'

Three Advantages.

"Ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed and partly terrorised, the population is wretched, but not yet desperate. The Government has three advantages: First, that the desperation point in Russia is lower than in any country of the western world; second, that the Government has incomparable means of determining how close to desperation the population is, and third, that it has the ability at the approach of the desperation point to slow down the Plan a trifle and throw a bone to the people. . . When the pointer touches danger the Government is in the position at any moment, by checking exports, to throw thousands of tons of consumption goods on the market at any price it wishes.

"Zeal and terror are the two psychological instruments for the accomplishment of the Plan. Zeal on the part of the 'believers' and terror on the part of the 'unbelievers.' The terror has become a permanent institution. There appears not the slightest intention to abandon or abate it. It is much more active to-day than three years ago. The Ogpu allows no martyrs. No hero can stand up in court and gladly take a death sentence. His tribune is the Ogpu cellar, his auditors the executioners, and the only echo of his words the shots that end them."

The book is impartially written and gives food for deep reflection. It is the story of a band of theorists who have already reduced a whole nation to servitude. The only thing these people fear is an international boycott. But with America pouring in her surplus millions to aid the scheme effective boycott would appear outside the bounds of probability.

LING GYMNASTS.

CENTURY-OLD SWEDISH SYSTEM.

The memory of Per Henrik Ling, called "the father of Swedish gymnastics," whose influence in the field of physical training and healing is felt in all parts of the world, was honoured at a congress held in Cologne during the Easter holidays.

Ling died nearly 100 years ago, but his system of physical treatment is still practised by his followers in most civilized countries in armies, schools, colleges, institutes and hospitals. The famous centre of the Ling system is the Royal Central Institute of Gymnastics in Stockholm, founded by Ling himself in 1813, which has carefully preserved and highly developed the unique methods of its great founder.

The Central Institute gives its pupils a careful and severe training in gymnastics, massage and all physical exercises for medical and corrective purposes, and students from all parts of the globe come to Stockholm for these courses. After passing the final examination at the end of the compfete course the pupils receive the title of Director of Gymnastics, which is now looked upon as the foremost hallmark of its kind in the world. Since many years these directors of physical treatment have gone out to all parts of the world, and the general verdict has been that their activity has been a blessing to humanity and brought honour to the Swedish name everywhere.

The fully trained and authorized representatives of this profession have organized themselves into an international association, "The Swedish Medical Gymnastic Society Ling," which is now holding its congress in Cologne to exchange views and experiences for the benefit of the profession.

The Swedish Ling gymnasts have performed their most important work as assistants and helpers to physicians the world over. It is largely due to their efforts that the so-called mecanotherapy, including the passive system, massage, and the active one, gymnastics, has lately gained so much ground in the realm of medical treatment. Innumerable disturbances in the human organs, digestive troubles or faulty circulation, rheumatism, physical deformities and many other ailments have in the course of the years been cured by the skilled and powerful hands of the members of the Ling Society. During and after the war these men have treated and cured many thousands of war invalids in close co-operation with doctors, hospitals and governments. At the same time they have acted as valuable cultural outposts and messengers for their native country everywhere.

CUT CABLE CLUE.

SEARCH FOR A FOREIGN VESSEL.

London, Mar. 27.

There was a dramatic development late last night in the hunt for the "mystery" ship believed to have been responsible for the cutting through with a saw of a Transatlantic telegraph cable in the Bristol Channel on March 1.

The Commercial Cable Company received a communication from Bristol throwing light on the riddle, following their offer of £100 reward for information leading to the discovery of the culprit.

Steps were immediately taken to trace the movements of a foreign vessel of about 1,600 tons believed to have been in the vicinity of the cable, 13 miles west of Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, on the day of the incident. It was established last night that this ship was in the North Sea bound for a European harbour.

An official of the Commercial Cable Company told a reporter.

Two officers of a British ship described to-day how they saw a ship in the Bristol Channel on March 1 "fouled by something." The evidence of the incident they witnessed leads us to believe that we are on the right track.

LOCAL RADIO.

STUDIO CONCERT TO BE BROADCAST TO-NIGHT.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres to-day is:—

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7.00-9.00 p.m. European Programme of H. M. V. and Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.
7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations.
7.02-7.23 p.m. Hawaiian Music.
Down The River Of Golden Dreams.
When It's Springtime In The Rockies.
Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra. 22339.
Kane's Blues.
Hula Girl.
Kane's Hawaiians. 20701.
Lou'siana Lullaby.
My Bird Of Paradise.
Hilo Orchestra. 21424.
7.24-8.00 p.m. A Selection of Victor Herbert's Music.
Pan Americana.
Selections from The Rose Of Algeria.
Victor Salon Orchestra Directed by Nat Shilkret. 9903.
Yesterthoughts—Funchinelle.
Victor Salon Orchestra directed by Nat Shilkret. 9904.
Selections from Eileen.
Victor Salon Group directed by Nat Shilkret. 9904.
Selections from The Only Girl.
Selections from Babette.
Victor Salon Group directed by Nat Shilkret. 9905.
Fleurette—Under The Elms.
Selections from Princess Pat.
Victor Salon Group directed by Nat Shilkret. 9906.
Land Of My Own Romance—
Serenade—Absinthe Frappe.
Victor Salon Group. 9907.
Selections from Natoma.
Victor Salon Orchestra directed by Shilkret. 9907.
8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.
8.03-8.41 p.m. Chamber Music.
Pianoforte Solo-Impromptu in A Flat (Schubert).
Pianoforte Solo-Sarabande (Bach).
Sergei Rachmaninoff. 662.
Violin Solo-Sicilienne and Rigaudon (Francoeur and Kreisler).
Violin Solo-Melodie Arabe (Glazounow and Kochanski).
Sadah Shuchuri. 4114.
'Cello Solo-Spanish Dance (Grandos and Casals).
Pablo Casals. 1311.
Pianoforte Solo-Liebesfreud (Kreisler-Rachmaninoff).
Sergei Rachmaninoff. 1142.
Guitar Solo-Courante (Bach).
Guitar Solo-Sonatina in A Major (Torroba).
Andres Segovia. 1298.
Cello Solo-Musette (Bach-Pollain).
Pablo Casals. 1349.
8.41-9.00 p.m. Talkie Tunes.
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Puttin' On The Ritz-Selections.
Happy Days-Selections.
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9.00-10.30 p.m. From The Studio.
1. Pianoforte Solo-Miss L. Pecker.
Etude de Concert (Lamonto) (Liezt).
2. Songs by Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.
a. At Dawning (Cadman).
b. Sweet Miss Mary (Weidlinger).
3. Songs by Mr. Li Chor Chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.
a. O Dry Those Tears (del. Riego).
b. I Hear A Thrush At Eve (Cadman).
with Violin Obligato by Mr. H. S. Yung.
4. Songs by Miss Angeles Silos (Mezzo Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. Quejas del Corazon (C. R. Llamas).
b. Love (Edmund Gouling).
5. Songs by Mr. Derek Holmes (Baritone) accompanied by Mr. Fountain.
a. The Gay Highway.
b. Lennin'.
6. Pianoforte Solos-Miss L. Pecker.
a. Nocturne Op. 72 (Chopin).
b. Grillen (Whims) (Schumann).
7. Songs-Mrs. R. Sanger accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.
a. Mighty Lak A Rose (Nevin).
b. On The Road To Mandalay (Kipling and Oley Speaks).
8. Songs-Mr. Li Chor Chi (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble.
a. Si Vous L'Aviez Compris (Denna).
b. Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard) with Violin Obligato by Mr. H. S. Yung.
9. Songs-Miss Angeles Silos (Mezzo Soprano) accompanied by Miss L. Pecker.
a. Good-bye (Tosti).
b. Tosca (Puccini).
10. Songs by Mr. Derek Holmes (Baritone) accompanied by Mr. Fountain.
a. Nirvana.
b. Sing Me A Song Of The Morning.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

WHEAT GLUT CAUSE.

SIG. MUSSOLINI AND NEW WORLD STANDARD.

Rome, Mar. 27.

"The crucial question regarding depression in agriculture, and particularly with regard to the wheat problem, is: Are the farmers growing too much wheat, or is the world eating too little?" said Signor Mussolini, the Italian Premier, in opening the International wheat conference [at which Britain is among the 46 nations represented] in Rome to-day.

"Statistics show that the increase in production in wheat during recent years ought to have been absorbed as a result of the normal increase of population throughout the world," continued Signor Mussolini.

"The fact seems to indicate that the normal course of consumption has received a check, and this is actually the case, although the explanation is not far to seek. With an improved standard of living among the masses of the population in town and country which came about at the end of the war, bread has to a certain extent given place to choicer types of food.

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LEAGUE FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

BORDERERS' MATCH IN KOWLOON.

RUNNERS-UP ISSUE.

[By "Wanderer."]

The football season is dragging to an end, the only thing waiting for decision being runners-up position in the Senior League. Should Kowloon win their match with the Borderers to-morrow, this will also be settled.

The fixtures, three in number, follow:

Senior League.

S. W. Borderers v. Kowloon, Kowloon, 4.30.—Mr. Brown.
Police v. Navy.—Chatham Road, 4.30.—Mr. Baldwin.
South China v. Chinese Ath.—Caroline Hill, 4.30.—Mr. Caswell.

Kowloon and the Borderers drew three-all when the sides last met. The result to-morrow will depend largely on whether Kowloon are able to field a full side, about which there are doubts. At full strength, they should take both points.

The Navy and South China look comfortable winners of the other matches. South China have a defeat to wipe out when they meet the Athletic.

Probable teams include:

Kowloon:—Angus; Martin, Dowman; Hedley, McKelvie, Caplin; Pile, Dominey, Gillott, Grimwood and Ianson. Reserves:—Simpson, Eastman, Gilchrist and Williams.

Police:—McHardy; Perkins, Wynne; Thorpe, Brittain, Shepherd; Cornwall, Wheeler, Oram, Scott and Brown. Reserves:—Minty and Bentley.

FANLING GOLF.

TAIPO ROAD OPEN TO MOTOR CARS.

The statement already published that cars up to a ton in weight can use the Taipo Road seems to have led to doubts in the mind of golfers as to whether they can travel to Fanling over the week-end.

Enquiries have been made and it is officially stated by the Traffic Department that the one ton restriction applies only to lorries, and that ordinary touring cars will be able to get through all right. No doubt, quite a number of parties of four will be made up to go out to Fanling, and it is desired that a reminder be given that the tiffin list posted at the Hongkong Club closes at 9.15 to-morrow and it is hoped that as many people as possible will put down their names by then, but orders for tiffins will be accepted as usual at Fanling up to 8 p.m. on Saturday. The Golf Club is sending out an ample supply of ice.

It is also announced that if any member wishes clubs brought back from Fanling they can be brought back on Saturday evening and will be taken to Happy Valley the same evening—if the town office of Club is notified by 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Starting Times For Sunday.

9.20 J. K. MacFarlan & A. H. Ferguson.
9.24 V. R. Gordon & A. H. Penn.
9.28 D. L. Prophet & A. Sommerfelt.
9.32 R. H. Griffith & E. B. Gammell.
9.36 O. Eager & W. A. Butterfield.
9.40 E. P. Fletcher & F. C. Young.
9.44 P. S. Grant & J. E. Richardson.
9.48 R. R. Davis & J. Forbes.
9.52 F. A. Redmond & D. J. Gilmore.
9.56 C. Mycock & J. S. Dykes.
10.00 L. R. Vallance & H. S. V. Mossop.
10.04 W. C. Shields & A. D. Humphreys.
10.08 Comdr. Priestley & E. D. Matthews.
10.12 J. B. Lanyon & J. R. Collis.
10.16 A. R. Cox & A. Webster.
10.20 D. G. Bruce & D. Forbes.
10.24 J. A. R. Selby & D. S. Robb.
10.28 A. Ritchie & A. Leach.
10.32 J.-M. Walker & I. W. Shewan.
10.36 J. H. Raikes & S. J. H. Fox.
10.40 A. C. I. Bowker & W. Wright.
10.44 A. B. Purves & K. S. Robertson.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.28½	124.32½
Geneva	25.22½	25.23
Berlin	20.40½	20.40½
Oslo	18.16½	18.16½
Helsingfors	193¼	193⅛
Buenos Aires	35.15/16	36⅝
Athens	375	375
Shanghai	1/3¼	1/3
New York	4.85.15/16	4.86.5/32
Amsterdam	12.10¼	12.09¾
Stockholm	18.14½	18.14½
Vienna	34.55½	34.56½
Madrid	48.80	48.85
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	32⅜	32½
Hongkong	11⅝	11⅝
Brussels	34.95½	34.95½
Copenhagen	18.16½	18.16½
Milan	92.77½	92.82½
Prague	164⅛	164⅛
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	3.31/64	3⅛
Bombay	1/5.13/16	1/5.13/16
Yokohama	2/0.13/32	2/0.13/32
Silver (spot)	13	13⅛
" (forward)	12.15/16	13⅛

—*British Wireless.*

CINEMA NOTES.

"BILLY THE KID" KING VIDOR'S EPIC.

King Vidor, famous for "The Big Parade," makes another excursion into historical romance with the talking picture of "Billy the Kid," which will be shown on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

An imposing cast personifies the various historical characters in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, including John Mack Brown, last seen in "Montana Moon," who has the title role; Wallace Beery, who scored in "The Big House" and "Way for a Sailor," as Sheriff Garrett; Kay Johnson, featured in "Dynamite" and "Madam Satan," in the feminine lead, and Karl Dane as a comic cowhand. Supporting roles are played by Wyndham Standing, Russell Simpson, Blanche Frederici, Roscoe Ates, Warner P. Richmond, James Marcus, Nelson McDowell, Jack Carlyle, John Beck, Marguerita Padula and Aggie Herring.

The picture was adapted by Wanda Tuchock, from the noted story by Walter Noble Burns, with dialogue by Laurence Stallings and Charles MacArthur.

In depicting the vivid career of Billy the Kid on the screen, it was Vidor's intention to recreate the "last stand of the wild west," namely, the famous Lincoln County cattlemen's war which centered in Lincoln, New Mexico. That truth is stranger than fiction was ably demonstrated in the exciting incidents which make up the historical narrative of the twenty-one-year-old outlaw who bore the reputation of being the most dangerous man in the west.

Among the adventurous occurrences which take place during the Donovan McSween feud are the cold-blooded murder of Tunston on his wedding day; the subsequent revenge upon the part of The Kid; the three-day siege in the McSween home which ends in the burning of the house; the pursuit of "The Kid" to his hiding place in a mountain cave and his capture; his subsequent escape; his meeting with General Lew Wallace and his final capture.

Beautiful Women In "Whoopee."

For "Whoopee" their first screen musical comedy, Samuel Goldwyn and Florenz Ziegfeld joined hands in gathering together one hundred of the most decorative young ladies to be found anywhere. And to be sure, they decided to look everywhere.

Eddie Cantor, as star of the picturized version of his famous stage success, lent a hand. John Harkrider, Ziegfeld's artistic director, sat in. So did Busby Berkeley, who staged the dances. In London, Cedric Belfrage took measurements and asked proud young ladies to exhibit their pride. In New York, test after test was made. Miss Springfield, 111; came to Chicago for a voice recording.

Goldwyn and Ziegfeld were asked for measurements. Just what proportions did the mythical perfect girl have? "None" was the answer. Every girl was different. Harrassed and harried casting directors, professional and amateur, continued their feverish search behind lunch counters, in dancing schools and the music academies, among the models of the famous New York, London and Paris couterliers, everywhere that beautiful women were suspected of holding forth.

In the course of the nine weeks consumed in making the search, the auditor (not the press agent) of the Goldwyn office reports that 1544 tests were received in Hollywood. Of them, 104 were accepted. Sixteen came from Broadway, professional showgirls. Among them and heading that list were Dorothy Knapp, labeled in the successive editions of Earl Carroll's "Vanities" as "the most beautiful girl in the world," and young Eleanor Hunt, whose work proved so impressive, that she was made Cantor's leading lady. Francine Benoir, who went to Paris three years ago as an Albertina Rasch dancer, returned as a "Whoopee" addition. Two young ladies, one an actress and another church singer, came from England. Others came from New York, Chicago and other cities. More than fifty were selected in Hollywood.

Once assembled, the 100 young ladies had nothing to do for the next four weeks but sit day by day in the costumers, being fitted each one of them, for 12 changes of costume. Just as each girl had to perfectly fit her costume, so did each costume have to fit the colour scheme of the 61 sets, all photographed in technicolour. Which merely goes to prove how $1,600,000 may be spent on a picture wisely.

"Whoopee" will be shown at the Queen's Theatre till to-morrow.

"Tom Sawyer".

There are many reasons why Paramount's version of "Tom Sawyer," screened at the King's Theatre last night, retains the charm of the most human of Mark Twain's stories, but the feature that stands out in every scene is its superb direction. Like the book, it is more a story for adults than children—although children will find plenty to amuse them in it—but John Cromwell has made no mistake in his delineation of the well-known characters that go to make up the story. There is not a flaw in the casting, and where adults will kindly overlook the adventurous incidents that will delight children, they will fully appreciate the many subtleties that make up the scenes.

A cast of seasoned players take the adult parts of "Tom Sawyer," and very capable juveniles play the other roles. It is interesting to note Jackie Coogan's first appearance in a more or less grown-up portrayal, and he makes the most of his part as Tom, but Junior Durkin takes the laurels of the juveniles. His Huckleberry Finn is a great character study of the untutored country lad of whom Mark Twain wrote. Mitzi Green, Paramount's "find," plays Becky capably, but she has very very little to do. Jackie Searl as Sid, Tom's perfect cousin, is excellent and so is Dick Winslow as Joe Harper.

Of the adults, Clara Blandick as the lovable Aunt Polly stands out. Here is the most clever portrayal of the production, and is followed closely by the veteran Lucien Littlefield, as the village pedagogue. Charles Stevens, the villainous Injun Joe, fits in perfectly with his role.

But the many deft touches of the producer's hand make the picture. It lives from the start to the finish.

"The Boudoir Diplomat".

How much space shall be allowed for laughs? This is one of the production difficulties which has come with the advent of the talking picture, and its solution has proven a sore puzzle to Hollywood film producers.

The problem is this: After a comedy line or bit of action, or an amusing situation, how much time shall be allowed for the audience's resultant laughter to die down, so that the succeeding speech in the scene may be heard.

On the stage the actors are guided by the audience reaction to the comedy passage—and it is a well known fact that the "size" of the laugh at some certain point will vary greatly from day to day.

But in a talking picture the dialogue must be "spaced" before the picture is ever seen by an audience, and it must remain forever spaced in just the way that it was photographed.

Even so great an authority as Malcolm St. Clair, who has achieved unusual success as a director of light sophisticated comedy, is frank in admitting that the matter of "spacing for laughs" is still more or less of a mystery to him. His latest picture is "The Boudoir Diplomat," the sparkling Universal comedy which is now showing at the Central Theatre to full houses, with an all-star cast of screen players including Betty Compson, Ian Keith, Mary Duncan, and Jeanette Loff.

"In the case of a stage performance," says St. Clair, "some line in the play may strike a man in Row 12 as being particularly funny, and his shout of laughter will turn the chuckles of the audience into roar of merriment—for laughter is the most contagious of all things.

"The Boudoir Diplomat" is primarily a comedy of situation, and its ever-changing facets bring forth a succession of rippling laughs which at times are almost continuous. Thus our difficulties were vastly increased, though I think that in the completed picture we have surmounted them all. I really think that in the realm of smart, sophisticated comedy 'The Boudoir Diplomat' has never been excelled."

TO-DAY'S TENNIS MATCH.

KEEN STRUGGLE EXPECTED IN SEMI-FINAL.

Interrupted by rain for over a week, the local tennis championships will be resumed this afternoon, when the first of the two semi-finals for the singles title will be staged.

Enormous interest is being displayed, as the greatly anticipated meeting of S.A. and C.A.L. Rumjahn is the contest for decision, and one of the most spectacular and thrilling matches in the annals of local competitive tennis is confidently expected.

Although this morning's sun has done much towards providing a good playing court, the going is certain to be sticky, a fact which neither player will joyfully regard. But it should prove of material assistance to C. A. L. Rumjahn, whose repertoric of cut and spin shots enables him to adapt himself rather more easily to such conditions.

S. A. Rumjahn will certainly start off favourite, if only by reason of his ability to rise to great heights at the psychological moment. C. A. L. invariably takes the better part of two sets to settle down in a match of importance, and this may prove his undoing this afternoon.

The programme for this afternoon is as follows:

Open Singles.—C. A. L. Rumjahn v. S. A. Rumjahn.

Handicap Singles "B".—O. C. Womack (owe (1/6) v. F. V. Jensen (rec. 5/6).

Handicap Doubles.—Rodger and Rodger (owe 1/6) v. R. M. Henderson and C. W. E. Bishop (owe (1/6); G. W. Stabb and R. W. Lee (Ser.) v. S. E. and D. S. Green (owe 15).

Mixed Doubles.—R. Stock and Miss A. E. Lang (Ser.) v. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wood (rec. 3/6).

LOCAL YACHTING.

"BLUEJACKET" WINS THE MID-WEEK RACE.

The first mid-week yacht race, for the H. I. Y. and G Class, was sailed yesterday, over the following course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on line (S), Rumsey Shoal (S), a distance of 5.3 miles.

The contest started at 5.40 p.m., and resulted as follows:

Yacht.	Position.	Sailed by.
	"B" Class.	
None Started.		
	"G" "Y" & "G" Class.	
Why Wonder?	4	Capt. C. C. Fowkes
Bluejacket	1	Mr. E. B. Lambert
Speedwell	6	Major P. S. Stewart
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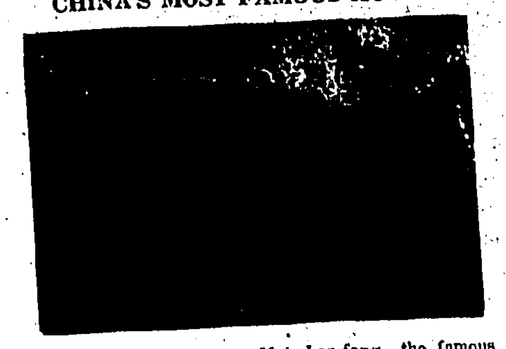

Photograph shows Mei Lan-fang, the famous Chinese actor (right) with Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Y. C. Jeffrey Huang, Secretary of the United Photoplay Service, Ltd., on board the s.s. Taiyo Maru at Shanghai. Mei Lan-fang is at present in Canton, but will shortly appear in Chinese stage plays in Honkong.

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CHAPTER I

The clatter of flying typewriter keys stopped abruptly. Gypsy McBride's exclamation was sharp and short.

"All hot and bothered today, aren't you?" Jean Foster at the desk at the right spoke without glancing up from her stenographic pad. There were three other girls in the large sunny office of the McNamara Electrical Equipment Co., but they were gathered at the opposite side of the room.

"What's on your mind" Jean asked.

Gypsy frowned at the sheet of paper in the machine, tore it out and reached for a fresh one.

"That's the third time I've ruined the same page!" she said ruefully. "Of course, when I'm trying to hurry Turtle would give me figures to tabulate!"

She fitted carbon between the two white sheets and adjusted them in the machine. Gypsy's lips set in a straight, brief crimson line. With a quick, nervous gesture she pushed back a strand of hair from her forehead.

"Say—you're not marrying the Prince of Wales today, are you? Or flying the Atlantic?" the blond Miss Foster continued.

In spite of haste and the waiting columns of figures Gypsy paused.

"Didn't you know?" she exclaimed. "Alan's coming home!"

There was a tense, breathless quality about the girl. Her pink cheeks burned a shade deeper as she spoke, contrasting becomingly with the dark ivory of her skin that warm ochre colouring responsible for the name of "Gypsy." There had been another name but no one, even the girl herself, ever thought of it. Gypsy she was—dark-skinned, browneyed, with long brows and lashes that made the eyes seem larger.

By classic standards Gypsy McBride's features were irregular. Her lips, flashing into a crimson smile as she spoke, were too wide. Her nose was too small. No one could deny that the heavy, waving hair drawn into a low knot at the back of her neck was an effective frame for the oval face, but it heightened the look which made strangers often ask Gypsy if she were Spanish. She was a small, slim girl; seated at her typewriter Gypsy looked younger than her 19 years.

"Who's Alan?" demanded Jean Foster.

"Didn't you ever hear me talk about Alan? That's funny! Alan Crosby his name is. He's going to be a great painter and he's been abroad studying and—oh, he's the handsomest thing! Everybody who knows Alan thinks he's wonderful. Wait until you see him! I guess it's because you haven't been here very long that you don't know about Alan coming home.

The other girl nodded.

"Sure—I remember! The boy friend who's been in Europe for five years. Coming home today, is he? No wonder you're excited!"

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Gypsy had begun typing again but now she stopped. "It isn't five years," she said, "it's 19 months, two weeks and three days exactly." She glanced up at the electric clock on the wall. "The boat lands at 12 o'clock and I've just got to get there! Turtle said I could leave as soon as I've finished this tabulation. There—!"

"Turtle" (the unofficial name by which Miss Elizabeth Tuttle, office manager, was known to the employes under her supervision) at that moment entered the room.

"Will you add these two tables to that list you're working on, Miss McBride?" she said. "I'd like to have them as soon as possible."

Miss Tuttle laid five pages of pencilled manuscript on Gypsy's desk. More figures! Miss Tuttle's countenance was severe and business-like. She was a woman in the late thirties with slim, pointed features in keeping with a too-slim figure. Dark-rimmed spectacles on a black ribbon increased the impression of formidable authority. She paused long enough to give Gypsy exact instructions about the typing. Miss Tuttle spoke in a loud, high-pitched voice and without smiling.

"Check the statistics after you've finished," she added. "You know how serious an error would be."

Gypsy knew fully. She expressed herself completely on this subject as soon as Miss Tuttle had disappeared from the room. With each terse syllable she hammered the keyboard of her typewriter viciously.

Jean Foster was sympathetic.

"That's a dirty trick!" she said indignantly. "Why didn't you tell her you couldn't do it, Gypsy? Why didn't you say you were busy?"

The other girl shook her head.

"No use wasting time in an argument. Never mind about Turtle. I'll get even with her for this. I'll get even all right!" She glanced at the clock, then bent over her copy. The staccato tap-tap of flying typewriter keys grew faster.

A moment later and Jean's voice, lower pitched, interrupted.

"Gypsy give me half of that. I've got time to help."

"Would you?"

"Sure I've got to stay until 1:30 to-day anyhow. Show me what you want me to do."

Gypsy's quick smile was grateful. There was no time to lose in words. She divided the pages and gave the other girl directions. After that the clatter of the machines doubled. For nearly 10 minutes they worked. Then a shadow fell over Gypsy's shoulder.

"Isn't this the day of the Fond Lover's return, Miss McBride?"

Gypsy did not look up.

"Why? Do you happen to be interested?" she inquired steadily.

She knew it was Clara Howard who was standing behind her. Clara was the one member of the stenographic department with whom Gypsy McBride clashed regularly. Everything about the two girls seemed antagonistic. Gypsy was small, dark, outspoken, vigorous in her likes and dislikes. Clara was blond. She was tall, moved languorously and spoke with an ingratiating drawl. Clara was adept at flattery and a favourite with Miss Tuttle. Gypsy knew it was not friendliness that had brought the other girl to her desk this morning. She went on with her work but Clara lingered.

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"Interested? Of course I'm interested. Haven't we been hearing every day for the last six months about this handsome hero of yours who has Hollywood and all points east and west beaten for looks and talent?"

Clara turned toward Jean Foster. "Maybe you haven't heard about Gypsy's romance," she said. "My dear, you don't know what you've missed! It's the perfect love affair!

Gypsy has a beau she hasn't seen for years, because he's been studying to be an artist. In Paris! Living in a garret and eating crusts and all the while remaining true to Gypsy's memory. Don't you love it? He sends her picture post cards."

The tone in which Clara spoke made every word ridiculous. Gypsy coloured but she did something of which she was proud for days. She kept her temper.

The other girl waited, apparently disappointed. Then Clara said slowly: "What'll you do, Gypsy, if he walks down the gangplank with a wife and three children?"

There was a tittel from across the room. Jean Foster spoke up defensively.

"We've got work to get out, Clara. Don't you think you could postpone the comedy?"

"Oh, my dear—I beg your pardon!" Miss Howard's voice registred a drop to icy temperature. "Didn't know you were playing little helper, Jean. You must excuse me."

Gypsy's "Don't mention it!" was equally formal. Her anger was tempered by the thought that, of all the girls in the office, Clara Howard was the one she least wished to know that Jean was sharing her duties. Now Clara knew. It would be interesting to see what damaging use she would try to make of this information.

Two little wrinkles appeared in Gypsy's forehead just above her nose. She looked up at the clock. Then her heart began beating pell-mell again just as it had most of the morning.

Alan was coming! She must hurry with her work because Alan was coming! What did she care for Clara Howard or Miss Tuttle or a whole army of tabulated figures? In spite of aching shoulders and overwrought nerves there was a glow of happiness about Gypsy McBride. The minutes were flying and everyone of them was bringing Alan nearer.

With a sigh of relief Gypsy pulled the final sheet from the carrier. Jean looked up. "Be through in a minute," she mumbled.

Now Gypsy was arranging the typewritten sheets. She got them wrong twice, stopped and began over again.

"Fingers are all thumbs!" she complained.

She had them all together at last. Ten neat pages and eight sets of carbons. It was 25 minutes of 12. With good luck she could reach the dock in time to see the great steamship let down the gangplanks.

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Gypsy glanced down at her morning's work. "Check the figures for errors," Miss Tuttle had said. Why—it would take almost all of her precious 25 minutes to read copy on those 10 pages! Tuttle had doubled the work on the day she knew Gypsy was in a rush to leave. Probably had done it purposely. Well, it was too late now! Not for all the office executives in the world would Gypsy miss meeting the boat which was to bring Alan Crosby home again.

She jumped up, gathering together the pages and rustling through a desk drawer for purse, gloves and vanity case. She hurried into the adjoining office and laid the manuscript on Miss Tuttle's desk.

The older woman nodded and her straight lips tightened. Gypsy had reached the door when she heard her name called. She whirled about.

"Yes, Miss Tuttle?"

"You were careful to check your copies with the originals on this work, I suppose?"

Surely it was a white lie and surely it was forgivable. Gypsy answered without a moment of hesitation.

"Yes, Miss Tuttle."

"Very well. That's all."

Gypsy didn't give the matter another thought. She knew that memoranda for directors' meetings were important, that prices and matters of policy might be determined by them. She knew the penalty such an error might bring and she forgot all these things.

Down the hall she nearly ran to get her coat and hat. Jean Foster was waiting for her in the dressing room.

"Listen, Gypsy, do you want to wear my new hat? You can have it till Monday."

"Thanks, honey. I guess I'd better wear my own. You've done a lot for me all ready to-day.

Quick dabs of powder and a touch of lipstick while she spoke. The close-fitting brown beret jerked on at a rakish angle. Now the tweed coat that had seen two winters' wear.

"My gloves!" Gypsy wailed. "I had them just a minute ago. Well—I'll have to go without them!"

"Right behind you."

Jean rescued the gloves from the floor.

"Angel! Well—goodby—!"

Gypsy had one hand on the door when something in the other girl's manner made her hesitate. Jean moved forward impulsively.

"Gypsy," she said, "you're looking wonderful! I guess it's because you're so happy. You're in love with him, aren't you?"

The curling lashes fluttered. No use to try to hide the dancing light in those brown eyes, the glow of happiness which shone from every feature of Gypsy McBride's impertinent little face.

"Well, what do you think?" said Gypsy.

"Oh, I hope you'll be so happy! Do you—when are you going to be married?"

It was an awkward moment. Then the girl at the door mastered her confusion and laughed tremulously.

"I'll—I'll tell you all about it later! Have to run!"

(To be Continued.)

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph*, for the week ended May 2nd, 1910.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.5/16d.

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The death occurred at the Government Civil Hospital of Mr. A. W. Brebner, editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

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The annual report of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., showed a balance of $171,790. A dividend of 12 per cent. and a bonus of 1 per cent. was recommended.

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The first annual report of the Tennis League was issued. Eight Clubs participated and Kowloon won the shield, with the Y.M.C.A. second.

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In the Colony's amateur billiards championship final, Sergeant Pitt, of the Police, beat Sapper Heigh, R. E., by 1,000 to 707.

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This decision is announced in a Ministry of Health circular to maternity and child welfare authorities.

The letter points out that the Government cannot sanction the use of these centres for giving birth control advice in cases not governed by medical considerations.

It is pointed out that while local authorities have no general power to establish birth control clinics as such, under the notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915 "it may properly be held that birth control clinics can be provided for these limited classes of women.

"Having regard to the acute division of public opinion on the subject of birth control, the Government have decided that no Departmental sanction which may be necessary to the establishment of such clinics for expectant and nursing mothers shall be given except on condition that contraceptive advice will be given only in cases where further pregnancy would be detrimental to health".

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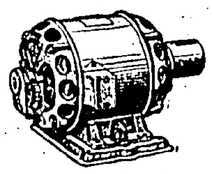

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After a record of nearly 34 years' service, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., the Colonial Treasurer, who is leaving for Home on leave to-morrow, will be severing his connexions with Hongkong, as he will retire at Home on the expiration of his leave and will not be returning to the Colony.

It was in November, 1897, that Mr. Messer was appointed a Cadet, after a brilliant University career at Cambridge where he distinguished himself in mathematics, gaining a Tripos. After serving in the Colonial Secretariat and later on Land Registration work in the New Territories, he was, in 1901, appointed Acting Colonial Treasurer and made a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils. In June, 1902, he was appointed Acting Registrar General (now Secretary for Chinese Affairs), and also a member of the Governing Body of Queen's College. For some three years following he was identified with administration in the New Territories, and in 1907 he acted as Postmaster General, while in the following year he was Head of the Sanitary Department. Then for five years he was Postmaster General, twice acting as Colonial Treasurer in addition. It was in 1913, that he became Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, and held the substantive appointment of that post from April, 1913 to December 1918. This was during the trying period of the war years, and Mr. Messer was closely identified with the organisation of the Police Reserve and many other special branches of police work that arose out of those times. He was honoured by His Majesty the King with the award of the O.B.E. decoration whilst he was still in charge of local police matters.

For the past twelve-and-half years he has been Colonial Treasurer, succeeding Mr. A. M. Thompson in December, 1918, and in addition has been Custodian of Enemy Property, Estate Duty Commissioner, Assessor of Rates, Collector of Stamp Revenue, and, at one time, Acting Postmaster General in addition. On the revision of salaries, dating back to January 1, 1930, the sterling salary of his post has been £1,800 per year.

Apart from his official work, which has brought him into contact with a wide circle, Mr. Messer has been an ardent motorist, and a keen supporter of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

When he leaves on Saturday, he will take with him sincerest wishes for a long and happy retirement.

YANGTSZE STATION.

NEW SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER APPOINTED.

London, Apr. 23.

Rear-Admiral F. Rose has been appointed Senior Naval Officer of the Yangtsze station, vice Rear-Admiral C. K. McLean as from the 28th of August.—*Reuter.*

[Rear-Admiral Frank Forrester Rose, D.S.O., entered the Navy in 1892 and became a Lieutenant in 1901, Commander in 1913, Captain in 1918 and Rear-Admiral in 1929. He served in the European War, commanding H.M.S. Laurel in the action off Heligoland in August 28, 1914, at which time he was wounded and mentioned in despatches. He commanded the Third Destroyer Flotilla of the Atlantic Fleet in 1921, was Director of Operations Division, Naval Staff from 1925 to 1927, commanded Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, from 1928 to 1929 and was Naval A.D.C. to the King in 1929.]

REFORM MEASURES IN SPAIN.

ROYAL PALACES HANDED OVER.

Nanking, Apr. 23.

The Nanking Foreign Ministry has telegraphed Mr. Wang Lin-ko, acting Chinese Minister in Spain, instructing him formally to recognize the new Spanish Republican Government.—*Reusha.*

Madrid, Apr. 23.

The Finance Minister declares that measures against the export of capital have been most successful.

He instances the cases of twenty-nine people who had withdrawn their money from a single establishment and who have now decided to restore it. Similar reports have been received from the provinces.

The Minister of the Interior announces that the Government intends to suppress gambling in Spain, even in the casinos.

The Royal palaces at Seville and Barcelona have been handed over to the respective municipalities.

The War Minister has announced that all officers will be given four days in which to take the oath of fidelity to the Republic.—*Reuter.*

Question of King's Trial.

Paris, Apr. 23.

In an interview with the Madrid correspondent of the paper *Excelsior*, Senor Zamora said it was unlikely Spain would take steps to try Alfonso for his alleged misdeeds. The question would be left to the Constituent Assembly. —*Reuter.*

Is He King?

London, Apr. 23.

"Is he King Alfonso or Mr. Alfonso?" queried a Labour member in the House of Commons when Mr. Clynes stated that no application had been received on King Alfonso's behalf for permission to reside in Britain.

Asked whether a landing visa had been granted to Alfonso, Mr. Clynes replied that so far as he knew Alfonso came to Britain under conditions corresponding with those always prevailing in different countries relating to Royal visits.

In the hubbub due to several members rising simultaneously, Labour cries were heard of "What about Trotzky!"—*Reuter.*

VALEDICTORY.

PRESENTATIONS MADE AT TAIKOO DOCK.

Among those leaving for Home to-morrow is Mr. William Kerr, Head Foreman Engineer at Taikoo Dockyard, who is retiring after over twenty years' service at the Dock. Mr. Kerr first came East in the service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and later joined the China Navigation Company, from where he was drafted to Taikoo. He is now retiring to Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, where Mrs. Kerr is awaiting him.

Presentations by the staff of the Dockyard took place on Wednesday, Mr. Kerr being made the recipient of an Underwood portable typewriter and a silver-mounted blackwood tray.

Mr. F. J. Shervell, the Acting Manager, who presided, spoke in terms of high praise of the services Mr. Kerr had rendered to the Dockyard, and called on Mr. Nelson to make the presentation. Mr. Kerr's popularity and kindly disposition were commented upon, and the best wishes for a long and happy retirement were extended, to which Mr. Kerr suitably replied.

It is interesting to record that Mr. Kerr, as a wireless enthusiast, was one of the first to instal a wireless set in the Colony. He was often a helpful critic of the local broadcasting studio.

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Tokyo, Apr. 23.

The Gensan Maru arrived safely at Paramushiro in the Kurile Islands, yesterday. Everyone on board is safe. —*Reuter.*

[The Gensan Maru was chartered by the Soviet to carry 412 Russians and 140 Japanese fishermen from Hakodate to Kamchatka. On the trip she was caught in an ice floe on the 14th inst. and was unable to extricate herself. Though her position was precarious it was reported that she was in no immediate danger and provisions on board were plentiful.]

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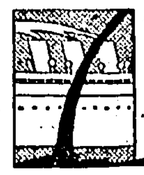

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Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	——	May 25
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30	June 5	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 9	June 11	June 13	——	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 3	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	——	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 31	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	——	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	——	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	——	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	——	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	——	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	——	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	——	Nov. 9

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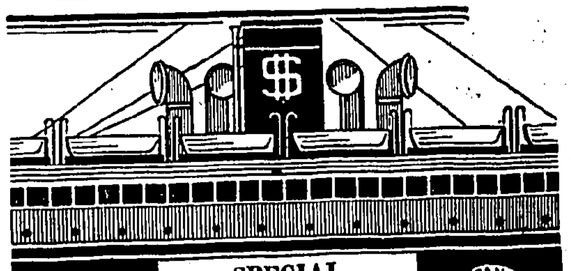

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MEERUT CASE ECHO.

BAIL GRANTED TO TWO OF THE ACCUSED.

Allahabad, Apr. 23.

For the first time since the beginning of the Meerut Communist conspiracy case in June, 1929, involving three Europeans and 28 Indians, the Court to-day granted bail to two of the accused persons, Nimbkar and H. L. Hutchinson, conditionally that they abstain from political activities pending the proceedings.—*Reuter.*

TOBACCO HAUL IN TAIPO ROAD.

TWO DEFENDANTS DENY KNOWLEDGE OF LOAD.

Hearing of the case in which three Chinese, Lai Tak-hung, Ng Kam and Wong Shek, were charged with possession of 700 lbs. of tobacco on which the duty had not been paid, at Taipo Road on April 13, was resumed before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The first defendant was additionally charged with possession of 700 lbs. of tobacco, which had been illegally imported, moved or manufactured.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith conducted the prosecution, and Mr. D. E. B. Evans appeared for the second and third defendants.

The second defendant, giving evidence yesterday, said that on April 12 he was engaged by the first defendant to drive the lorry to a place beyond Sheung Shui to pick up some loads. On previous occasions he had driven his lorry to the New Territories to collect goods, starting about 2 a.m. in order to get there in time for the opening of the market at Un Long, which was at 4 a.m. On this occasion he went a little beyond Sheung Shui. The goods were put on board the lorry by some men on the roadside. He had no idea what the packages contained. The lorry was being driven by the third defendant, and on the way back they were stopped by Revenue Officer Pearce, who held a revolver in one hand. The first defendant jumped over the side of the lorry and ran away. The Chinese Revenue officer told him that they had stopped the lorry because it contained tobacco. It was the first time that he knew that the packages contained tobacco.

In reply to Mr. Whyte Smith, defendant said that he took the third defendant along as an assistant, as he was not feeling well. He did not hear the third defendant tell the Chinese Revenue officer that the load was tobacco.

The third defendant then gave evidence. He also said that he did not know what they were going to fetch. Neither he nor the second defendant helped the men in loading the lorry. When the European officer stopped them and asked him what they had got, he pointed backwards to the first defendant and said "Ask him."

In reply to Mr. Hamilton defendant said he did not think the circumstances of loading sacks by the side of the road away from the market were suspicious.

Wong Chun-mei, the owner of the lorry, said that the second defendant, who was his driver, when he obtained an order did not usually inform him, but on his return from the engagement handed over all the money.

Mr. Hamilton reserved judgment until 11 a.m. on Monday.

THE BUDGET.

TO BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY.

London, Apr. 23.

Cheers greeted an announcement in the House of Commons to-day, by the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, that Mr. Philip Snowden would personally introduce the Budget next Monday.—*Reuter.*

THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A. CELEBRATES.

SUCCESS OF FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN.

To commemorate the most successful financial campaign in its history, Chinese Y. M. C. A. members held a dinner party at the South China Restaurant last evening, when Mr. Chang Kon-sang gave away the various prizes presented by Mr. Sun Fo, the Nanking Minister of Railways. Mr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, His Excellency the Civil Governor of Canton, (General Chan Ming-shu) and Mr. H. H. Kung, the Minister of Industry.

Before calling on Mr. Chang Kon-sang, of Messrs. Sincere Company, Ltd., to give away the silver cups and pictorial scrolls, the Chairman, Mr. J. D. Bush, addressed the gathering. He said:

"We gather here this evening to exchange congratulations on the gratifying results of the financial campaign which ended the other day. According to records of the Y. M. C. A., the General Secretary tells me, the achievement attained this year represents the highest in its history. To the fifteen team captains and seven hundred workers, the Y. M. C. A. owe a deep debt of gratitude. Above all, the Y. M. C. A. are especially grateful to the generous donors and contributors to the financial campaign. It all goes to prove that, notwithstanding the hard times, the serious depression of trade and dropping of the silver dollar, our minds can still be devoted to social service and ethical life of the Colony. Moral law is, no doubt, as absolutely fundamental to social life as natural law to physical existence. Those of us who contribute in any way, small or large, towards the moral health of society may be regarded as good workmen of evolution in the general life of humanity. Ultimately, the things that count most in a man's brief existence on earth is qualitative, which is the essential moral character and the tremendous moral responsibility of the individual. The quantitative, which represent the thousand devices for killing time and space and for bringing physical enjoyment and security for the general run of mankind, are but means to the end of a higher life for the human race. Life is a growth—a growing away from the imperfect towards perfect education and culture.

"The programme of social service for the Chinese Y. M. C. A. this year is to promote public health among the poor, to carry on rural work among the farmers in the New Territories in connexion with the New Territories Agricultural Association, and to build up an adequate library in the Y. M. C. A. especially to meet the need of the boys in the day and evening schools."

A flash light photograph was taken of the large gathering.

N.S.W. SAVINGS BANK.

PROPOSED ABSORPTION BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Sydney, Apr. 23.

The Cabinet of New South Wales has decided to introduce, and pass through all stages by the 28th inst., the Bill giving effect to the proposals for the absorption of the New South Wales Savings Bank by the Commonwealth Savings Bank.—*Reuter.*

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Canzonetta ..... Halsey
Song of Sunshine ..... Hollins
Triumphal March ..... Pollitt

JAPANESE WORKERS ON STRIKE.

LOCK THEMSELVES IN AND REFUSE TO EAT.

Tokyo, Apr. 23.

Since Tuesday, 200 workers in the Japan Dyeing and Weaving Co. have been on a hunger strike, demanding reinstatement of one of their discharged comrades.

The strikers have locked themselves in a godown, neither working nor eating, although the management and sympathisers have taken food to them.

Two hundred women working in the same factory have started a "go slow" strike in sympathy.—*Reuter.*

MISHAP TO SEAPLANE.

MISSING DURING JAPANESE NAVAL EXERCISES.

Tokyo, Apr. 23.

During a return trip from Taihoku, while flying to Sasebo, three out of sixteen naval seaplanes were forced down on the water this afternoon.

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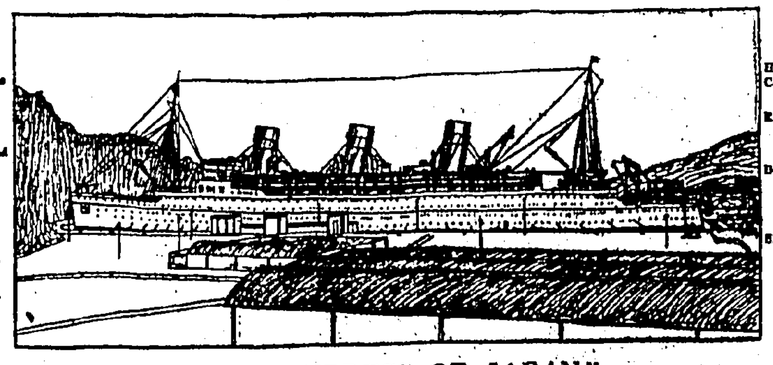

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†KALYAN	9,144	9th May.	M'les, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
*BURDWAN	——	30th May.	M'les, L'don, Hull, H'burg, Rotterdam & Antwerp
†KASHMIR	8,985	6th June.	M'les, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
RANPURA	16,601	20th June.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
†KASHGAR	9,005	4th July.	M'les, L'don, R'dm & A'werp
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
*PERIM	7,648	25th July.	M'les, London, H'burg, Rotterdam & Antwerp

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KASHMIR	8,985	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
RANPURA	16,601	22nd May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
†PERIM	7,648	10th June.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko

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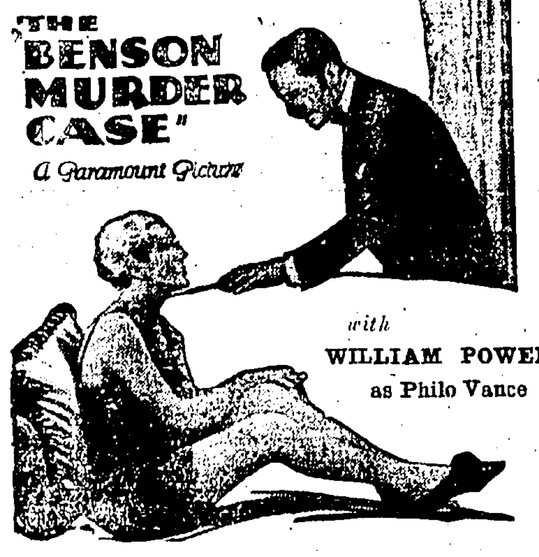

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HOMECOMING OF PRINCES.

TO FLY FROM BORDEAUX TO LONDON.

London, Apr. 23.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George have decided to complete the last stage of their journey Home from South America by air. They will embark with members of their suite in an Imperial Airways liner at Bordeaux and fly in it to England.

The Princes reach Lisbon on Saturday morning where they will be received by Portuguese Ministers and other high officials. They will drive to the British Embassy, afterwards calling on the President.

In the evening, following a reception at the Embassy to the British colony, the Princes will attend a Government banquet and reception. They will embark the same night in H. M. S. Kent, landing at the mouth of the Gironde next morning and driving to Bordeaux Aerodrome, where the air liner will await them.

The cruiser Kent, which is on her way home from China to Chatham, where she will pay off and recommission, reached Gibraltar today and will arrive at Lisbon Saturday.—*British Wireless.*

CHINA PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

MUKDEN AND THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Peking, Apr. 24.

Shansi Dissenting Commanders are visiting Peking to attend the Disbandment Conference and interviewed General Chang Hsueh-liang, head of the Manchurian Government, last evening in an effort to reach a solution the financial affairs of North-Western China.

General Chang has received another telegram from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek urging him to proceed to Nanking to attend the National Convention. Political circles give much attention to the coming conference between Marshal Chiang and the young Manchurian ruler. It is understood that if the Nanking Convention turns out a success, Marshal Chiang may accompany General Chang to Peking and other places in the North.

With the consent of the Manchurian Government, Gen. Shen Chen, head of the Shansi Military Commission, has signed an agreement with Tientsin bankers here in connexion with the $1,000,000 loan for disbandment in North-Western China.—*Reuter.*

THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN.

WORLD RECORD FOR LOW FUEL CONSUMPTION.

COMING WORLD TOUR.

London, Apr. 17.

After completing her seven days trials the new 42,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Britain, constructed by Messrs. John Brown, the famous Clyde shipbuilders, has returned to Southampton, her home port.

During the trials the new liner reached a maximum speed of 25½ knots, although the contract for which she was built was 24 knots. With only two engines working, instead of all four, she made nearly 22¾ knots.

One interesting feature was that during a special twelve hours trial, she established a world's record for the lowest fuel consumption. This was of .57 lb. per shaft horse-power per hour.

She has luxurious accommodation and many novel features. For instance, her after funnel contains not smoke but ventilation trunks and a 21-value wireless set with a telephone range of 5,000 miles, suitable either for passenger communication with Europe and America or for any broadcast programme of music, to be repeated all round the ship.

The vessel remains at Southampton until her maiden voyage to Quebec on May 27.

At the end of the year she will make a world cruise.

CAPT. HAWK'S FLIGHT.

London, Apr. 23.

Captain Frank Hawks, who yesterday attempted to fly from London to Rome and back in one day and was forced down south of Paris on his return flight, to-day reached Heston Aerodrome, having flown from Le Bourget in fifty-nine minutes.—*British Wireless.*

RAJPUTANA RESCUE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The master of the foundered vessel is named Captain Sokoloff. her voyage, arriving in Hongkong at an early hour this morning.

Captain's Story.

Later.

The crew number 71, and there were forty passengers.

Seen this afternoon by a *Telegraph* representative, Captain Sokoloff would say very little of the mishap. He stated that the Hwah Yang left Shanghai on April 20, Monday last, bound for the little China Coast port of Honghwa. Extremely heavy weather was encountered immediately on leaving Shanghai, and things became worse when the steamer ran into a thick fog.

Captain Sokoloff and his officers took all precautions possible, but despite their efforts, the Hwah Yang lost her bearings and grounded. This occurred the day after she left Shanghai. She began to make water rapidly and preparations were at once made to get the passengers ashore. The vessel had fortunately stranded close to an island and the work of landing the passengers was successfully accomplished, though not without some difficulty.

A choppy sea rendered the Rajputana's rescue work extremely difficult. Capt. Jack, the master, ordered three boats to be lowered, respectively in charge of Mr. Buckley, the Third Officer; Mr. Williamson, Second Officer, and Quartermaster Kelly.

TO REPRESENT HUNAN.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

The Military Governor of Hunan, General Ho Chien, has telegraphed from Changsha stating that he will be leaving this week for Nanking to participate at the People's National Convention representing Hunan.—*Reuter.*

EARL OF ATHLONE.

London, Apr. 23.

A Constantinople message states that the Earl of Athlone, former Governor General of South Africa, has arrived at Angora and will to-morrow pay an official visit to the President.—*British Wireless.*

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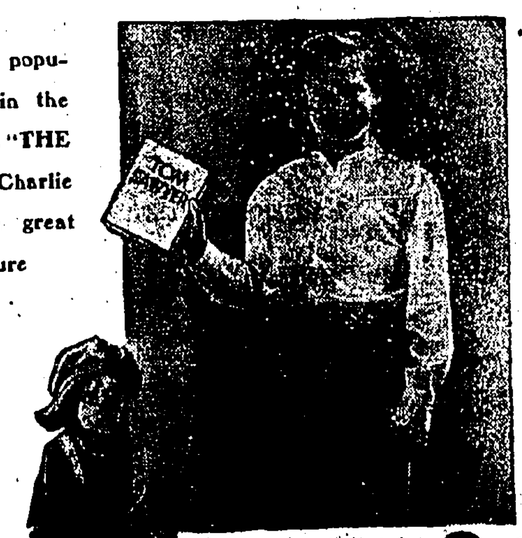

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